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THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

6 years later, man learns fate of son

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Michael Dixon Sr. of Granite City finally learned the fate of his missing son last week — nearly six years after 16-year-old Michael Dixon Jr. disappeared. St. Louis authorities confirmed Wednesday that the younger Dixon was a drowning victim. His body had been found in the Mississippi River near the St. Louis Gateway Arch on June 4, 1988 — two days before the elder Dixon filed a missing-person report. Ironically, Dixon might never have learned the fate of his son if the younger Dixon had not been incorrectly accused of a crime that took place nearly a year after his death. Michael Dixon Sr. was called to testify Monday at an arson case in Madison County Circuit

Court. Two witnesses — both relatives — said they had seen the younger Dixon shortly before a suspicious house fire in March 1989 — nearly a year after the younger Dixon was reported missing. One of the witnesses said the younger Dixon had threatened to burn the place down. "It was well known I was looking for information about Michael," the elder Dixon said. "If they had seen him almost a year after he was missing, why hadn't they ever said anything? It didn't make sense." But Dixon didn't want to go to court without some sort of documentation, so he went to the Madison County Sheriff's Department to get a copy of the original missing-person report. "I talked to (the clerk) and she remembered the case. She



Michael Dixon Jr. said, 'Why don't we check one more time?' " Michael Dixon Sr. said. "Then on Wednesday the Sheriff's Department said they had some information on Michael and asked me to come up. "They told me he had been pulled from the Mississippi. He was wearing his swimming trunks when they found him. (See SON, Page 13A)

Council cut debated 100 express pros, cons of proposal

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Should the 15-person City Council of Granite City be reduced to seven aldermen? About 100 residents, business leaders and officials turned out Wednesday night at a public hearing at City Hall to express their opinions on the aldermanic reduction issue. Opinion was divided on whether there should be fewer aldermen. Some called for a reduction now. Others said they are for a smaller council in theory, but think the issue should be decided later along with other proposed governmental revisions. Paul Fisk, who was an alderman for 14 years and ran unsuccessfully for mayor last April, was an alderman when the Mel-

ville study was commissioned jointly by the City Council and a group of city business leaders. A smaller council is one of the study's recommendations. The council-size issue was placed on the March 15 ballot based on petitions circulated by Joe McGinness, another of the 10 mayor candidates. Fisk said the aldermanic reduction idea is a good one, but the timing is premature. "This in itself isn't a bad idea if it is incorporated along with the other changes (recommended by Melville)," Fisk said. "But if the public votes to cut the number of aldermen to seven without completing the other changes, I think it will be disastrous," Fisk said at the hearing. Among the other changes recommended by Melville are adopting a city manager or

administrator form of government and redefining the mayor's role accordingly; making the clerk, treasurer and street superintendent appointed rather than elected; reassigning the current clerk and treasurer staffs to the comptroller's department; consolidating and coordinating the inspection process; and developing a phased plan to dissolve the township form of government. Melville also urged regionalization of services. If the treasurer, clerk and street superintendent are made appointed positions and the mayor is made the man in charge, Fisk said, the aldermanic reduction proposition will work. "But I hope the people of Granite City are not foolish enough to downsize the City (See COUNCIL, Page 2A)

Girl Scouts ready for food drive

Girl Scouts will be quietly visiting homes in the area next Saturday and leaving a little reminder. The troops want to remind everyone about the annual Girl Scout Food Drive a week later. Residents are asked to fill a bag with canned goods and health and hygiene items and leave them on the front step on Saturday, March 15. The bags of donations will be picked up by 9 a.m. "Last year was the first year we tried this and we did super," said Kathy Piechochinski. "We had 20 or 30 troops participating and people really responded well." All of the items collected in the Granite City area will be given to Protestant Welfare for distribution. Items suggested for donation include soup, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, beef stew, toothpaste, shampoo, tooth brushes, bar soap, laundry soap, dishwashing detergent, cleaning products, facial tissue, toilet paper, diapers and feminine hygiene products. The scouts ask that perishable, frozen or items in glass containers not be donated. Persons who wish to deliver their own bag of donations or whose bag was not picked up may take them to Protestant Welfare, 1818 Cleveland Blvd., between 10 a.m. and noon March 12. The River Bluffs Girl Scout Council, made up of nearly 2,900 girls in 22 troops in Madison, Jersey and Calhoun counties, hope to collect more than 10,000 items in the drive. Among the agencies to be aided are Project Helping Hand, the Food Crisis Center, Operation Blessing, the Salvation Army, Oasis Women's Center, Community Hope Center, and numerous other local food pantries.



Girl Scouts will be looking for your help with their annual food drive. From left in the front row are Pamela Beatty, Brownie Troop 776, and Tara Wilson, Daisy Troop 58. Back row from left, Jennifer Allen and Kelly Signall, both of Junior Troop 432, and Laura Lengyel, Brownie Troop 729. (Staff photo by PAM DOEFKHEUR)

Arrest likely in store holdup

Police say they are close to solving an armed robbery of a downtown gas station and convenience store in the middle of the day Thursday. More than \$400 was taken from a cash register by a young man armed with a handgun at the Amoco Food Shop, 1965 Madison Ave., at about 3:15 p.m. Thursday. Although the robbery took place in the middle of the day, the robber wore no mask and made no attempt to hide his identity, Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said Friday. One shot was fired by the suspect as he fled the store but nobody was injured, Ruebhausen said. He described the suspect as a white male between 15 and 20 years of age, medium build, weighing about 130 pounds and wearing a ball cap and coat. "The suspect entered the store, confronted two employees, displayed a handgun, demanded cash from the register and got it. "He ran from the store and one shot was fired — apparently without any specific target," Ruebhausen said. The man then fled on foot down the alley between the 1900 blocks on Madison and Grand avenues, Ruebhausen said. (See HOLDUP, Page 12A)

Flood book on schedule

Delivery of the "People of the Great Flood of '93" is about two months away. However, there's still time to order...if you hurry. The hardbound pictorial is in the final production stages with delivery expected in late April. The vast majority of the more than 200 photo (See BOOK, Page 12A)

No action on Moran Grand jury hears alleged victim

A Madison County grand jury looking into allegations of sexual abuse by Circuit Judge George Moran Jr. of Granite City took no action in the case Thursday after hearing from the alleged victim. The Illinois Attorney General's Office, which has spent thousands of dollars on the investigation that began in October 1992, presented testimony to the grand jury for more than an hour Thursday. Assistant Attorneys General Michael Spivack and Daniel Carter, who were responsible for the criminal investigation, declined to comment after the jury was dismissed. They also declined to say if the investigation is continuing. Others involved with the case also refused comment. However, one attorney involved with the case commented "no true bill" as he waited outside the hearing room. A no true bill means the grand jury decided there is not enough evidence

to warrant an indictment. No true bills are not required to be made public. A state investigator also commented that he expected Thursday's presentation was the end of the case. Moran, who has never been charged with a crime and has denied all allegations, said he had not been notified Thursday about the results of the probe. "I really have no comment," Moran said. "I don't know what happened because I haven't been informed. I didn't even know they were presenting a case today." Moran has said that the child's allegations were inconsistent and said he has passed a polygraph test. Moran stepped down from the bench shortly after the allegations became public in November 1992 and performed administrative duties. He returned to the bench last year.

Standoff ends with man's arrest

Granite City police officers responded to a disturbance early Thursday just behind the police station that evolved into a three-hour standoff between officers with their guns drawn and a 20-year-old man armed with a knife who threatened to kill himself, his family and police officers. Earl Hall, of the 2300 block of Iowa Street, was charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct, two misdemeanors. He was treated at the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center for multiple self-inflicted stab wounds. A judge later released Hall on recognizance bond. Officers dispatched to the 2300 block of Iowa Street met with Hall's mother who told police Hall was inside, had a knife, and had cut himself. An officer entered the home, where he found (See ARREST, Page 12A)

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THE VOICE BOX:

What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport?

By T.W. MILLER



Lester Thompson Granite City. "Hockey, because we have a hockey team here and it's more of a local sport than skiing."



Alpha Barnhart Granite City. "Figure skating, because I think it requires more training than the other Winter Olympic sports."



Karen Reedy Granite City. "Definitely hockey, because I've had an interest in hockey since I was little."



Nick Mitalovich Granite City. "Figure skating, because it is one person doing it all, speed, maneuvers and turns. I think they're fantastic."



Cindy Lewis Granite City. "Figure skating. I've always been interested in it. And I'm fascinated by the Tonya Harding, Nancy Kerrigan controversy."

Council

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Council without taking action on these other suggestions," Fisk said.

Joe Hill, of the 2900 block of Birch Avenue, said he has voted in every election for the last 37 years. He said he was concerned about having only one alderman per ward — especially if that alderman becomes ill.

"If one alderman gets sick, I have a backup."

"Think carefully before you reduce the number of aldermen," Hill said.

Malvin Wilmsmeyer, of Riviera Drive, retired chairman of Magna Bank of Madison County, spoke on behalf of the group of business leaders who helped pay for the Melville study.

He said the study suggests ways to reverse the trends of decreasing population, tax base, property values and residential, industrial and commercial growth, and focuses on inadequate management practices currently in place.

"It is time for the community to realize the significance of these downturns and to coalesce to change them now," Wilmsmeyer said.

Wilmsmeyer said the correction of the problems "must logically begin with an effective and efficient governmental structure and the willingness of civic and city leaders to support the process."

James Bailey, of the 2900 block of Harding, another unsuccessful mayoral candidate last year, said the aldermanic reduction issue is a question of finances.

"I am all for it," Bailey said. He said the reduction is "just a start," and recommended reduction of city staff and pay decreases for city employees. He specifically mentioned a reduction in the number of policemen.

"Police should be out stopping drug deals and burglaries instead of being parked two or three in a row at QuikTrip," Bailey said.

Ward 1 Alderman Casmer Skubish, who has served on the City Council for more than 25 years, said fewer aldermen would result in less representation for the public, reducing the quality of representation and the amount of know-how.

"As aldermen, we take a bashing for the city's problems. I think we'll be whistling in the dark (with a reduced number)," Skubish said.

"People love to hate, so they are going to bash the hell out of you. You have to have a thick skin, have to focus on the good. What good will reducing the number to seven do? I say nothing," Skubish said.

He said aldermen in the past have worked hard to cooperate with business, industry and other employers in the city "in order to give our residents a good place to live ... and to ensure they provide good-paying jobs to Granite City residents and others."

"If you don't like your alderman, you always have the

opportunity to vote your alderman out of office," Skubish said.

Charles King, of the 2900 block of Fortune Drive, said the Melville recommendations must be taken as an entire concept.

"I hope if the citizenry votes to reduce the number of aldermen, they also give direction about other aspects of the city," King said.

He said the role of the aldermen should change.

"If you change the role of the aldermen, I'm sure seven can run the city. You've got to get out of the business of trying to run the city Set policy and let the department heads run the city and be accountable to someone," King said.

"You've got to stop the turf battle. This election is going to say one thing: 'Please provide leadership.'"

Bob Bell, of Briarwood Drive, a former assistant fire chief, said there have been reductions in the staff at the police and fire departments, but not on the council.

McGinness, principally responsible for the council-size election, said he is "in no way in favor of reducing representation of the citizens."

"But I am for the people of the city saying what they want," McGinness said.

He said the issue is a money issue and that serving on the council should be considered a public service opportunity.

While aldermanic salaries appear to be reasonable based on surveys of other cities, most cities have smaller councils, according to the Melville study.

Currently, aldermanic compensation includes \$5,400 in salary, a \$1,200 expense allowance, and optional retirement in health plan and retirement benefits if the alderman pays his or her own premiums.

Total council compensation last year was \$75,600 in salaries, \$15,400 in expense allowances and \$11,200 in benefits, according to the study.

"You don't have to be a college graduate to know the salaries and benefits of seven is going to be a saving," McGinness said.

He said he suspects the aldermen are planning on doubling compensation if the referendum passes.

No such proposal has been discussed by the council or any of its committees.

McGinness said he declined to place a referendum on the ballot to change to a city manager form of government because a city manager would be a puppet of the aldermen. He also opposes

Voters to decide council size

Granite City residents will have an opportunity next month to decide the number of aldermen representing them on the City Council.

A referendum to reduce the council's size to seven aldermen from the current number will appear on the primary ballot March 16.

The referendum will read as follows: "Shall the City of Granite City, Illinois, restrict the number of Aldermen to one-half of the total authorized by Sec. 3-4.7 of the Illinois Municipal Code, with one alderman representing each ward?"

The statute provides that, if a majority of those voting in favor of the proposition, all existing aldermanic terms will expire as of the date of the next regular aldermanic election (1998) and a full complement of aldermen (seven) shall be elected at that time for the full term (four years).

The Melville Strategic Management Review of Granite City and Granite City Township Operations, a \$24,000 efficiency study completed last year, recommends a reduction in the number of aldermen.

The study recommends shifting the council's attention from the day-to-day operations of the city to deciding more-critical policy issues.

The study lists the aldermanic reduction as a medium priority item.

The report suggests reducing the number of aldermen, but also recommends broadening citywide council representation by electing some aldermen at large in addition to some by ward.

While that type of representation is legal under state law, it is not an option in the upcoming March 16 election.

Based on population, Granite City is entitled by law to seven wards.

making the clerk and treasurer appointed positions, he said.

Alderman Juanita Crawley said she attended City Council meetings for 10 years before deciding to run for alderman.

"Most of you don't realize how much time we spend up here. We work hard for the city government," Crawley said, adding that Wednesday was the third night that week that she had attended meetings in City Hall.

Andy Timko, a former alderman, said he is against the reduction.

"The only thing I want to see is this city go forward," Timko said.

Tina Hatley, of the 3100 block of Myrtle Avenue, said aldermen are already overworked.

"The only person I ever see in city government is my alderman, Judy Whitaker. I really like her," Hatley said.

She said that being an alderman is "almost like doing volunteer work."

"It would make more sense to start with the high priority recommendations (from Melville) than jumping in the middle with a medium priority," Hatley said.

Ward 2 Alderman Craig

by aldermen.

"In my opinion, this proposed change without implementing other recommendations and proposed changes is a mistake," Tarpo said.

He said a reduction to seven aldermen would mean that anyone who can garner four votes can control the council.

Another advantage of 14 or 15 as opposed to seven aldermen, Tarpo said, is "14 more eyes watching the dollars of the city."

McGinness responded: "You may have 14 fewer eyes to watch over city finances, but I say it will give you 14 less hands to spend it."

Ward 4 Alderman Sandy Crites said she watched city government from the other side of the podium until she became frustrated and decided to try to make a difference.

"There is a great deal to be done in this community and to cut that effort in half is very, very foolish," Crites said.

"I think we have a great deal to get done and I think we need all the help we can get."

She cited the attempt by Elicam Granite Inc. to get approval to build a hazardous-wastewater treatment facility here as an example of the need for current aldermanic levels.

"It almost slipped through. The more eyes and ears you have to deal with a situation, the (less likely something undesirable will slip through)," she said.

Crites said she is thankful for

the democratic process that gives people a chance to vote, but that the time to "take it out," if you don't like your alderman, is during regular municipal elections.

"Revenge is a dish best served cold," Crites quoted from Shakespeare.

Ward 4 Alderman Dan Partney said the City Council has an obligation to at least consider the proposals contained in the Melville report rather than to put the study on a shelf.

But, Partney said, it would be proper to present a number of questions on the ballot at once "rather than piecemeal."

He said general elections, when 60 to 70 percent of the voter show up at the polls, are a better time to propose referenda than primary elections, when only about 22 percent of voters traditionally turn out.

He said he is confident that the aldermanic reduction question — along with a number of other propositions — will appear on the November ballot.

In a sense, we will have minority rule (in March). I hope this proposition will fail in March so that the majority can decide on the whole concept in November, after public hearings, discussion and, hopefully, news media coverage," Partney said.

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Brockland leases Pontoon Beach site

By Amber Rogers
Correspondent

Another car dealership is moving into Pontoon Beach soon, and this time no one seems to be complaining.

Bob Brockland of Bob Brockland Pontiac-GMC Inc. is planning to lease or purchase land south of Omni Bank on Highway 111 from the village of Pontoon Beach.

"It's really a good thing for the village," said Pontoon Beach Clerk Louis Whitsell.

According to Whitsell, the village will grant Brockland a sales tax rebate of 75 percent for 10 years, payable quarterly.

"This car dealership will create sales tax revenue which is worth more than the land to us."

"Right now, we're not getting anything from it, but when Brockland moves in, we'll see some money. After all," said Whitsell, "half a loaf is better than none."

The site was previously leased to McDonald's, but development of the land by the fast-food restaurant was apparently stopped, Whitsell said.

In an agreement with McDonald's, Pontoon Beach has been given five years to find an occupant for the vacant land; otherwise, the site lease reverts back to McDonald's.

In the resolution, passed at Tuesday night's village board meeting, Bob Brockland Pontiac-GMC Inc. has one year from the date of the passage of the resolution to develop an operating business on the land.

However, a stipulation in the resolution

states that the village may extend an additional option for one year under the same terms and conditions.

"I suspect we will outright grant the land to him (Brockland)," Whitsell said.

Under provisions of the resolution, Bob Brockland has also agreed to "give preference in hiring village residents to employment positions."

Village Board Trustee Mike Macek is pleased with the resolution. "It should really help our community to raise the money we really need," Macek said.

In other business, an ad hoc village committee is revising a business license fee ordinance.

"I'd like to change this. When you're in business and your business has two or three different categories — for example, if you're selling liquor and groceries both under the same roof — you have to have a license for both," Macek said.

"It would be better if they just paid the highest of the two license fees."

"I think they should just be billed for the highest license, because the main thing here is, you've got the smaller guys getting hit hard," Macek added.

The current ordinance lists the license fee for every type of business that operates in the village and other businesses, which may, in the future, operate in the village. The current ordinance says:

"Each individual business or commercial activity within the municipality, whether under one roof or not, shall be required to comply with all applicable regulations."

The committee, which consists of Trustees Janet Barringer, Macek, Bill Ross and Bob Vincent, along with Village Clerk Whitsell, is considering changing the ordinance extensively.



Warm weather fun — Seven-year-old Ashley Finch slides down a slide at Wilson Park last Thursday afternoon when temperatures were spring-like.

Property owners will get option

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus announced a plan Wednesday that will allow homeowners to pay their property tax bills in monthly installments.

The new system will begin in March.

Under the current tax system in Madison County, bills are due in two payments — one in July and one in September. Those lump sums are a problem for some residents, Shimkus said.

"Some people aren't as blessed as others financially and they have to pinch their pennies pretty tightly," Shimkus said.

"This (new plan) will cause a little more work for treasurer's office employees, but I think it is our duty to make it easy as possible for people to pay their taxes."

Shimkus said the treasurer's office has helped delinquent taxpayers by making special payment arrangements in the past, but many people are unaware help is available.

"Traditionally, we've had a handful of people each year who call and ask for some kind of extension on their payments," Shimkus said. "But with the flooding last summer, the number of people needing assistance has reached an all-time high."

"We've tried to do this kind of thing on an individual basis in the past," Shimkus said, adding that he thought more people would be interested in making monthly payments if they were aware they had the option.

Although the monthly plan will make tax bills more manageable for those who need it, Shimkus said he does not expect requests for the new services to make significant changes in the way taxes are collected.

A possible problem if too many people sign up for the program could be postponement of county projects because taxpayers would pay less into the county by the time their traditional June tax payment would be due, he said.

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New plan for Bremen Avenue

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Woes will likely continue for residents of Bremen Avenue on the north end of Granite City.

While they last fall had a two-block section of their street reconstructed — costing the city more than \$100,000 — flaws in the road have prompted the city to propose closing it to traffic once again, remove the new but potholed ribbon oil and chip surface, and try to repave it.

Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer, estimates that the proposed resurfacing would cost an additional \$25,000. No determination has been made regarding who would pay for the proposed remedy, he said.

Juneau's proposal includes closing the roadway to through traffic, re-milling the surface, and "blotting" the road base with limestone or slag.

After May 1, when warmer weather arrives, the roadway base would be inspected, any flaws would be repaired, and the surface would be repaved again, under the proposal.

The autumn attempt by the street department to smooth over the already rough street made it impossible, prompting an unplanned expenditure of

more than \$100,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds to completely rebuild a two-block section of the street.

The city contracted with Hank's Excavating and Landscaping of Belleville to rebuild a section of the three-block-long street located in the northern part of the city just off Nameoki Road.

The road work was supposed to be completed Nov. 23.

On Dec. 3, oil from the finished road inexplicably began to rise to the surface, turning the street into a goosy mess that left cars and some residents covered with black.

The messy situation led to a rash of claims by residents demanding city payment of cleaning and other bills.

More bad news came in late December when officials found out that potholes had already formed in the road surface.

Hank's returned to the site to fill the holes — at an added expense to the city.

According to Illinois Department of Transportation records, a sample of the oil used as a prime coat on the Bremen Avenue project failed a viscosity test in an IDOT lab in Springfield on Dec. 16.

The material was found to have a kinematic viscosity of 74

at a temperature of 140 degrees.

IDOT specifications require a kinematic viscosity of between 30 and 60 at that temperature.

The results of the viscosity test were sent to Hank's; the oil supplier, E.J. Dougherty Oil of East St. Louis; and their respective insurance companies.

All the parties, their insurance carriers and lawyers met Feb. 15 to discuss the situation, but none of the parties is willing to accept responsibility for the faulty road, Juneau said.

At the Feb. 22 City Council meeting, the council approved a motion by Street and Alley Committee Chairman Dan Partney to send Hank's a letter stating that the work is unacceptable. The letter outlines the remedy recommended by Juneau.

Juneau said Friday that he is expecting a response from Hank's within the week.

IDOT, as the approving agency for the contract, must approve any settlement agreement between the city and Hank's, Juneau said.

IDOT records show that the asphalt material that failed IDOT testing was produced by Missouri Petroleum, of St. Louis, and supplied to Hank's by E.J. Dougherty Oil.

Robert Sims pleads guilty to disorderly conduct

The ex-husband of convicted baby killer Paula Sims has had a scrape with the law himself.

Robert E. Sims, whose former wife is serving a life sentence for the murder of 6-week-old Heather Marie Sims, pleaded guilty Monday to disorderly conduct in Madison County Circuit Court.

Robert Sims, who divorced Paula Sims shortly after she was sent to Dwight Correctional Center for Women in 1990, reportedly damaged a mobile home belonging to a Pontoon Beach woman about 1 p.m. July 13.

Sims, who apparently lived in Granite City at the time, was originally charged with criminal damage to property, a misdemeanor.

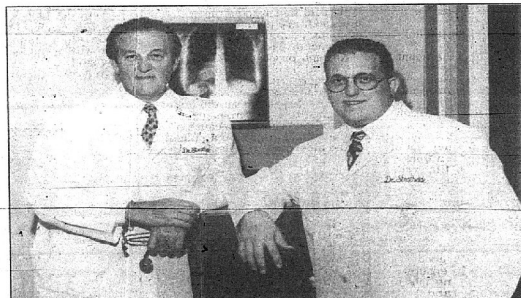
The charge was reduced to disorderly conduct in exchange for a guilty plea. He has been ordered to pay a \$300 fine.

Madison County Assistant State's Attorney John Abel, who agreed to the reduced charge, could not be reached for comment.

Court records indicate Sims cut the tongue, or trailer hitch, of the mobile home.

Damage to the mobile home in the 3800 block of Lake Drive was estimated at less than \$300.

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Opinion

Public schooling not what it was, due to lack of emphasis on values

TO THE EDITOR:

It was like we'd been caught doing something dirty. Wicked, shameful deeds done only in night's shadow — suddenly exposed by morning's light.

It was my wife who received the telephone call. An official of the state said he had been given an "anonymous" tip that our children had been observed not going to public school.

I smacked of a Gestapo informant. And it makes my hatred of government entrenchment deeper and fester. Yes, yes, guilty as charged.

We have chosen to join the many who teach their children at home.

I speak for no one else. I represent no other — and I'll not bore you with statistics as to the superiority of private and home schools — for my reasons are not academic.

They reach down into the depths of the human heart. That place where values, morals, integrity, honor and truth long to be born. That place the public school is forbidden to nurture.

But, first, let's dispel some myths.

I've heard them countless times and the first is, "Your children are being deprived of the socializing aspect of public school."

Here's some common sense. Since graduating from public high school in 1976, I have spent four years in the military, attended a private Christian college, received a degree from a state university, and held various jobs, both union and non-union.

Never, in all that time, have the personal and professional interactions of real life been similar, in any way, to those experienced in the land of public education.

Another myth is, "Your kids miss out on the sports programs." If you look, you'll find a multitude of sports available outside the public school.

The last myth is the most absurd, "It was good enough for me and my parents." And here is the crux, the great deception, the lie.

The simple belief that because the name is the same the substance is also. This delusion is clearly evidenced by those who continually

voted the Democratic ticket as if Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman were perpetually on the ballot — not noticing that the graves for their patron saints are disheveled from constant turning.

It is even in the modern physician who without remorse rips apart the tiny human life, thereby dishonoring the doctor who pioneered the healing art.

The Supreme Court of today would have us believe that the framers of the Constitution, in their hearts, made provision for child murder.

And even more heinous, preachers of once great denominations, rewriting the Eternal Word, betraying their founders and forgetting the One to whom they will answer.

Oh, wretched children! We sit down at the bounteous feast provided by our fathers. We eat the harvest of their labors, their sweat, their prayers and blood.

And, having consumed our gluttonous fill, we rise, wipe our mouths and, with brazen lips, curse and call them fools.

No! Public school is not what it once was.

My mother recalls that in her high school the students took turns reading from the Bible. Of course, that was a different generation.

They endured a real depression and, having been tempted, laid down their lives to stop tyranny in a war that was as personal as a bayonet in your gut.

And yet we consider ourselves superior, while our nation convulses in violence and perversion, and we elect leaders with hellish morals.

And in all this, our constant answer to all our problems is "More money for education" — as if a higher-priced prostitute is somehow more virtuous.

No, the answer is revolution — not of bullet and bomb, but in the hearts and minds of parents.

Remove your children from the federal incubator.

Dare to curb your selfishness and spend a little less on that which will burn, and invest in integrity and truth. Unrestrained intellect builds gas chambers, hydrogen bombs, suicide machines and abortion clinics, while a little uncontest moral training may produce the America that was.

To those educators and parents who choose to fight within the system — my heart goes out to you. Yet, as you struggle in polite debate, the clock ticks by and our children soon outgrow us.

This is not a problem of little importance.

This is not something we can put off and ignore. This is not an issue that will eventually work itself out. If we are neglectful — we will die, plain and simple.

Therefore, I charge every parent who loves their children and desires they be taught under the influence of traditional family values.

I urge parents to lay aside your fears and ignorance. Take full responsibility for the education of your offspring.

I charge every god-fearing congregation to put away your petty problems and programs.

I urge them to start a private school, and preach and teach righteousness.

And I charge every local official whose heart is grieved at what we have become to stand, take courage and resist the threats of the extortioner.

Finally, a reminder: In less than one lifetime, the moral foundation upon which this nation was born and prospered has been brought to the point of death.

In the space of one generation, that which was thought essential has been mocked, demeaned and defiled.

If we don't stop and reverse this malignant tide, we may not see another — nor should we.

ROBERT P. EDWARDS
Madison

Clinton wants federal control, not lower deficit

TO THE EDITOR:

The John Birch Society claims that President Clinton wants to shuffle, not cut, federal indebtedness.

We hear a lot of talk about the federal government cutting spending. And we're led to believe that whatever cuts are made will lower our nation's huge national debt.

But President Clinton has recently shown his true colors. He's not in favor of reducing the national debt and its horrendous interest burden; he wants to cut some programs only to earmark the savings so that his socialized medicine scheme might seem less costly.

The president and his unelected spouse are committed to having government take over America's medical system.

And they're willing to cover over its mighty cost by shuffling around some federal funds. What they're not interested in doing is cutting back the size and cost of government.

The Birch Society's contention was dramatically proven when the president and top members of his administration went all out to defeat the Penny-Kasich deficit reduction package.

This modest measure, named after Reps. Tim Penny, D-Minn., and John Kasich, R-Ohio, would have trimmed federal spending by \$90 billion over the next five years, a mere 1 percent of

projected federal outlays.

When it looked like the measure would pass, the president, Mrs. Clinton, numerous Cabinet officers, and top leaders of the Democratic Party pressed congressmen to vote against it. The scare stories even included Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala insisting that the measure would cut funding for feeding programs for women, infants and children.

President Clinton took time away from his November summit meeting with Asian leaders in Seattle to condemn the Penny-Kasich bill because it "would make national health care reform impossible." He was echoing similar claims made by his wife at a meeting on Capitol Hill with freshmen members of the House of Representatives. Administration pressure succeeded in having the measure defeated on Nov. 23 by a slim 219-215 vote.

Americans are already forced to pay \$300 billion (that's \$900,000,000,000, which is a lot of money) per year for interest on the national debt.

The Clinton plan isn't aimed at reducing this staggering burden. The president is committed to having government control everything. The name for that kind of government is totalitarian.

BRUCE TABER
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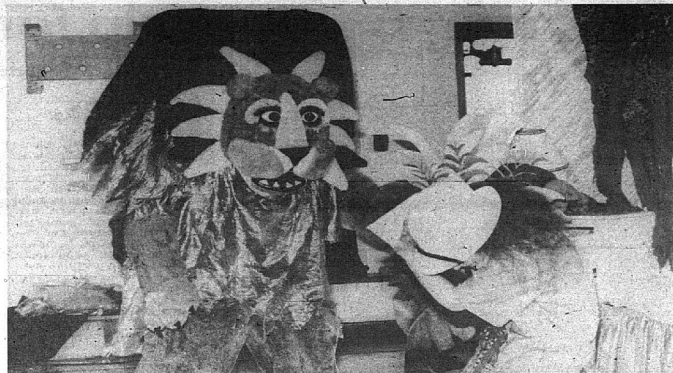
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That's entertainment — Madcap Productions, a puppet theater that uses giant puppets as well as hand puppets, performed "Go to Your Room" at Parkview School. When a nine-year-old girl is sent to her room, she entertains herself with stories that come to life in the room. In top left photo, kindergarten students Anna Green, left, and Amber Miller react when a lion comes onto the stage. In top right photo, the lion menaces Patty Blessing, one of the actors with Madcap. In bottom left photo, Patty Blessing, right, interacts with one of the smaller puppets. In bottom right photo, actors Sandy Blessing and Michael Karp act out a pirate scene.



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Hospice to offer grief workshop next three weeks

Hospice of Madison County, a department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, is offering its "Bridges" Grief Workshop on three consecutive Wednesday afternoons — March 2, 9, 16. The sessions will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Pascal Hall on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Avenue, Granite City.

The workshop is open to anyone who has lost a loved one during the past year.

There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required by Feb. 28. To pre-register, call the hospice office at 796-3585.

Facilitated by Hospice Bereavement Coordinators Melba Boyd, M.S.W., and Nancy Kaprelian, B.A., the "Bridges" Grief Workshop offers intensive grief support and education to individuals who have suffered losses of loved ones during the past year.

Participants share their grief with others who have experienced similar losses of spouses, children, parents, friends and others. Participants will learn how to cope with their grief with others who have experienced similar losses of spouses, children, parents, friends and others. Participants will learn how to cope with their grief, and readjust their lives.

The workshop is open to the public, as well as to Hospice of Madison County family members. It is one of the special functions of Hospice's full bereavement program.

Hospice of Madison County has continuously provided services for

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Help for home heating

President releases \$12 million for low-income families

Emergency federal dollars will soon be on the way to help low-income families heat their homes.

President Clinton has released \$12 million that will help some of the state's 627,505 low-income families stay warm, and social service agencies in the Metro East say the money is sorely needed.

Thornton Ridinger, manager of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, said the money is welcome news, considering Clinton proposed to cut financing for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program by 50 percent in his 1995 budget proposal.

"The need for the money is certainly there," he said. "When you stop to consider the type of people (the program) helps, you realize just how important this type of aid is. To take away what little help the program offers would be criminal."

Federal dollars have continued to dwindle the past five years, forcing social service agencies to pare the number of people get-

ting heating aid. The Madison County Community Development Department in Edwardsville is the local agency through which the heating aid comes.

A money shortage caused the Madison County department to turn away 2,000 of the 7,000 low-income families who applied for assistance this winter, Director Cheryl Jouett said.

"We ran out of funding last week. It'll be just perfect if we can get more federal aid," Jouett said the department would get \$225,000 if the state follows standard allotment procedures. But she predicted the money would not go far, considering Madison County's needs.

State officials said they were waiting to hear from the federal government before deciding how the money would be disbursed.

"We want to make sure there are no strings attached," said Lynn Morford, spokeswoman for the community affairs department. "The federal government may want us to hold some of the money over for next

year's winter season."

Paul Schuler, executive director of the Madison County Housing Authority, said any additional aid for the low-to-middle-income families that live in the county's 850 public housing units would be helpful, especially during cold months.

"We just got a notice from a utility company today about shutting off one of our tenants' heat because they couldn't pay their bill," he said Monday.

Schuler said the housing authority evicts about six tenants a year, most during winter

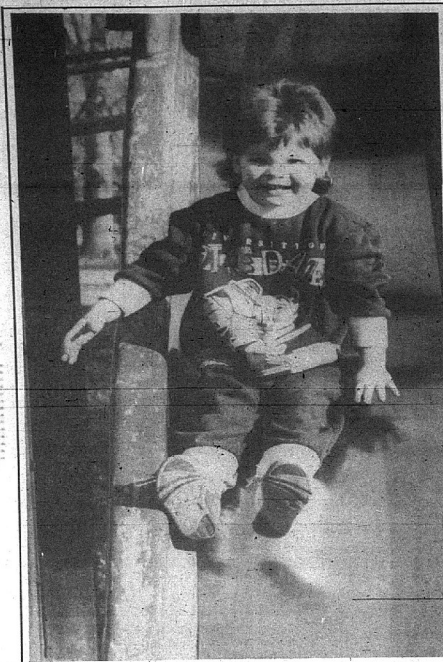
months, for nonpayment of heating bills.

The heating assistance program pays 43 percent of the average heating bill for clients receiving aid.

Twenty-three states are getting \$300 million in home-heating aid. The money is going to states that have experienced the coldest weather and also have the largest number of low-income households.

Illinois is getting the eighth largest allotment.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Slider — Three-year-old Joshua Bailey speeds down one of the playground slides at Wilson Park during unusually warm weather in late February.

Public Aid fees to change

The Illinois Department of Public Aid will charge modest application fees starting March 1 for some new clients who seek the agency's help in collecting child support.

"The department provides an array of tax-supported services to families who deserve to receive regular child support payments. For those families with the means to pay, we think it's reasonable and appropriate to charge a fee for these services," said Public Aid Director Robert W. Wright.

The application fees of \$15 or \$25 will be based on a family's size and income. For an example, a three-person family with an annual gross income of less than \$10,068 will not pay the fee. A similar family with an income between \$10,068-\$15,804 will be billed \$15, while a family with an income of more than \$15,804 will be charged \$25 — the maximum allowed by the federal government.

An estimated 12,000 people are expected to pay the fee in the first year, raising a projected \$150,000. Two-thirds of the amount will be paid to the federal government, and one-third will be kept by the department's Division of Child Support Enforcement to offset administrative expenses.

Last year, the department took in a record \$202 million in child support.

"The money the department collects helps thousands of families leave welfare or to avoid it altogether," Wright said. "Our energies are devoted to seeing that as many children as possible receive the financial support they so rightfully deserve from both parents."

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Here are the average (mean temperature) dates of the last frost in spring, the first frost in fall, and the length of the gardening season in areas of each state. Remember, these are average dates. Though rare, frost is still a possibility for several days beyond these limits in many areas of the country.

	Last Spring Frost	First Fall Frost	Length in Days
Alabama	3/19	11/24	290
Alaska	2/17	12/12	298
Arizona	5/18	9/13	118
Arkansas	6/27	7/5	8
California	4/27	10/19	176
Colorado	6/8	10/2	116
Connecticut	5/27	12/18	218
Delaware	3/6	11/23	261
District of Columbia	3/16	11/15	244
Florida	1/24	12/11	321
Georgia	3/2	10/14	165
Hawaii	4/28	10/12	167
Idaho	4/22	10/19	180
Illinois	4/10	10/28	200
Indiana	4/17	10/27	183
Iowa	4/20	10/19	183
Kansas	4/9	10/26	200
Kentucky	4/5	11/1	210
Louisiana	4/13	10/28	198
Maine	4/1	11/7	220
Maryland	2/13	12/12	302
Massachusetts	3/1	12/27	321
Michigan	4/29	10/15	169
Minnesota	3/28	11/17	234
Mississippi	4/16	10/25	192
Missouri	4/12	11/16	219
Montana	5/22	9/24	181
Nebraska	5/30	10/13	166
Nevada	3/10	11/13	248
New Hampshire	4/5	10/31	210
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New York	4/12	10/24	195
North Carolina	3/21	11/19	239
North Dakota	5/13	9/27	137
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Oklahoma	4/21	11/2	195
Oregon	3/28	11/7	223
Pennsylvania	3/31	11/2	216
Rhode Island	4/25	10/29	178
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4 join hospital advisory panel

Four new members have been appointed to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center advisory committee.

Tom Colbourn, of Edwardsville was appointed to serve on the planning committee.

Granite City residents Rosemarie Brown and Bob Maxwell and Granite City Mayor Ron Selph were appointed to the community and government relations committee.

Colbourn, plant manager at Capri Sun, first became acquainted with SEMC through its affiliate, Providence Occupational Health Services.

"Through Capri Sun, we utilize the services of Providence Occupational Health Services," Colbourn said. "Then, I became active in the WINGS (We're Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth Medical Center) campaign."

"I hope to bring my experience in business and strategic planning to the planning committee to help the medical center as it moves forward to determine appropriate goals and ways to attain those goals."

Colbourn came to the Granite City area three and a half years ago.

"I have enjoyed my association with the different people I have become acquainted with in Granite City," he said. "I feel the people at the medical center represent the same friendly, outgoing spirit I have found here."

Brown, president of Van Arch & Associates, is positive about SEMC. "I'm truly looking forward to my involvement with SEMC. This facility touches the lives of so many people in a positive manner," she said.

"Not only is it an excellent health-care provider and one of our largest employers, it also is a concerned citizen and is one of Granite City's best good-will ambassadors throughout the entire St. Louis metropolitan area."

Maxwell is the administrator of public affairs for the Granite City Division of National Steel.

"I have been a member of this community all my life," he said. "SEMC has contributed a great deal to the well-being of all who live here, and I am very pleased to be a part of the advisory committee."

Mayor Selph, also a lifelong resident, is familiar with the health care SEMC provides.

"I have lived in the community all my life," Selph said. "So I have used the facility many times. I am proud to have SEMC as an integral part of the Granite City community."

The committee meets quarterly to discuss a wide variety of issues. Committee members are appointed to board committees in the areas of finance, planning and community and government relations.



Colbourn



Brown



Maxwell



Selph

North bridge route gets new support

The River Bend Growth Association at Alton is supporting the northern site for construction of a new Mississippi River bridge.

The association's board voted to support a proposal to build a new Mississippi River bridge between the Martin Luther King and McKinley bridges — which would cross into Illinois at a spot just north of Brooklyn — and oppose an alternate southern site near the MacArthur bridge.

Illinois and Missouri transportation officials are examining both proposals, but Growth Association officials said the southern approach would be a bridge too far for the good of the River Bend.

Growth Association Board President Mark Kratschmer said association officials will draft a plan to back the north proposal, which would bring traffic closer to the area.

"It is very important we let people know we support the northern expansion," Kratschmer said. "We are planning to organize a letter-writing campaign to support that position."

He said traffic would be routed away from the River Bend if the southern option was chosen.

Dean Sweet, chairman of the association board's Transportation Committee, said the group should develop an aggressive lobbying plan. "We certainly shouldn't be a voice that is not heard from."

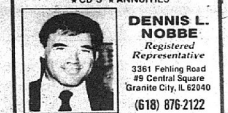
A new bridge would help alleviate traffic congestion on existing bridges in and out of St. Louis, including the Poplar Street Bridge. Dale Klotz, district engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said environmental impact studies are under way for both proposed bridge routes.

A route decision is expected in 1997, Klotz said.

"We should have the initial environmental impact study done in the fall of 1996, then hold public hearings," Klotz said. "We then will do a final impact statement and hold more hearings before a final decision is made."

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DATE, TIME, PLACE
Wednesday, March 9, 1994
7 to 9 p.m.

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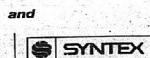
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DATE, TIME, PLACE
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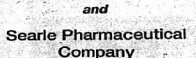
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Hogan honored by Franklin

Granite City insurance executive Timothy S. Hogan, unit manager for the Franklin Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, Ill., has been named to membership in the 1994 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, the company's elite organization of national sales and sales management leaders.

In qualifying, Hogan has been recognized as one of the company's most successful agency associates.

His accomplishments will be recognized at the company's 1994 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, to be held in April at the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua in Maui, Hawaii.

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Timothy Hogan

Miller heads association

James F. Miller Jr., supervisor of Union Electric's Treasury Operations Department, has been named president of the St. Louis Treasury Management Association for 1994, the association recently announced.

Miller is a resident of Granite City where he is a Ward 2 alderman.

The association also elected Sandra L. Runyon, Southwestern Bell Telephone, as treasurer and Kathryn A. Clifford, Bunge Corp., secretary.

The association's three vice presidents for 1994 are Woody Johnson, Edward D. Jones & Co.; W. Steven Culp, ITT Financial; and Judith C. Rehbock, Emerson Electric Co.

The Treasury Management Association has more than 7,000 members nationwide and 40 members in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The group helps members improve professional skills, including those involving corporate finance, international finance, investments, cash management and electronic data systems.

St. Louis will be the site of a two-day regional TMA educational conference, expected to attract about 3,000 participants from the Midwest, beginning April 25.

Economists: Fed should stay independent

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Making the Federal Reserve Bank less independent and more responsive to a U.S. president's agenda would boost inflation, according to a study by three economists. The economists are Rob Roy McGregor of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Henry Chappell Jr. of the University of South Carolina-Columbia; and Thomas Havrilesky of Duke University at Durham, N.C.

Higher inflation, of course, reduces the purchasing power of the cash in your pocket and how many bags of groceries your weekly paycheck will buy.

The economists' analysis suggests that politicizing of the Fed "would add more than 3 percentage points to the U.S. inflation rate. The economists since have backed away

from that specific inflation forecast, but they still maintain that subjecting the Fed to political pressures would result in higher inflation, McGregor said.

Independent central banks are more successful inflation fighters than those subject to political pressure, according to several recent studies.

Yet, Congress entertains proposals each year that would reduce the Fed's independence. A bill now before Congress would make the presidents of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks appointees of the president.

Such a step worries economists, because every member of the Federal Open Market Committee would have a political agenda. The FOMC sets the Fed's policy. It was the FOMC that recently boosted a key interest rate one-quarter point, a move that temporarily panicked Wall Street.

Chappell, Havrilesky and McGregor examined the FOMC voting records of the Fed's seven governors, all political appointees, and of its presidents, who are selected by the board of directors of each bank.

The FOMC is made up of the seven Fed governors and five other Fed presidents. Votes by Fed governors "are notable for their partisan regularities," according to the economists' report.

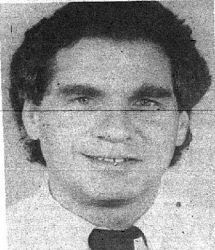
Whether appointed by a Democrat or Republican, Fed governors "are more inclined to advocate easier (inflationary) policies than are (Fed) bank presidents," the economists wrote. Thus, making all FOMC members political appointees "could have notable inflationary consequences in the long run," the report says.

Radiologist joins SEMC staff

Radiologist Albert M. Hammerman, MD, has joined the medical staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. "I came to St. Elizabeth because I heard good things about the medical center," he said. "It is a very friendly place to work and the associates are excellent. I look forward to working in two areas of particular interest to me, CT and MR imaging."

Hammerman received his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He served a Jewish Hospital, St. Louis. He is certified by the American College of Radiology and is

Albert Hammerman
a member of the Missouri State Medical Association.



IRS sponsors workshop for business

Business owners work hard to reach the American dream. Unfortunately, lack of knowledge about their tax responsibilities as employers could turn that dream into a nightmare.

A one-day tax workshop sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Social Security Administration, and the Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is designed to help business owners avoid tax reporting pitfalls. The workshop will be held in East St. Louis from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Representatives from federal and state agencies will discuss employment tax requirements and how to complete the necessary forms.

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Pontoon Senior Citizens elect officers

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 831-0721.

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens met Feb. 15 in the Senior Center Hall and held a business session for the nomination and election of officers.

The officers elected were William Dagon, president; Earl Edmiston, vice president; and Ruth Dagon, treasurer. Board members elected were Irene Karlechik, Rose Edmiston, Jim Hill, Walt Crowell, Chalcie Grigsby, Lea Anderson and Marjorie Heidrich.

Other members attending were Otto and Corrine Kreher, Everett and Alice Hudson, Jeri Schab, Betty McGinnis, Birdie Tayan, Bob and Genny Afford, George and Gladys Bass, Mary Mera, Carl and Jean Horstney, Doris Sorini, Mary Hassebrook, Irene Weber, Helen Huton, Lou and Dell Whitwell, Mil Gross, Ed and Gladys Van Scoyk, Edna Webster, Faye B. Bady, Lorraine Parkinson, Dianne Hill, Joan Crowley, Lee and Betty Ridgeway, Marge Hilker, Mabel Kennerly, Frances



Lucille Martin

Harper, Mickey Heidrich, Alvina Thureau, Autumn Vincent, Lonnie and Melodie Bettis, Dorothy Watkins and Helen Cholewich.

The Madison County Baptist Association is scheduled to have the third annual Home Missions Emphasis March 5 through March 9. A rally will be held in the Pontoon Baptist Church March 5 beginning at 6:45 p.m. There will be a free dinner at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call the church office, 830 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays, before Wednesday, March 2, for reservations.

The Women's Home League held its regular meeting in the Salvation Army hall on Tuesday and Mrs. Miller led the devotion.

al from First Corinthians: 13.

There was a secret pals gift exchange and games played were biblical hearts and a match up and love you bingo. Ernestine Hahn received the attendance prize, which was a large mother-in-law tongue plant.

Members attending were Margaret Hargis, Zelma Scroggins, Joyce Moran, Jo Watkins, Cecile Elkins, Marie Verbruyck, Noma McAmesh, Elizabeth Griffin, Jean McDaniel, Darlene Robinson, Imogene Holbrook, Exie McKeel, Marge Szerinski, Loretta Redfern, Margaret Oliver, Linda Lewis, Gertha Bradley, Evelyn Miles, Doris Stark, Vickie Harper, Mrs. Miller, Eileen Scrum, Rose Smith and Maxine Rutter.

Everyone is invited to attend the Home League, held each Tuesday, beginning at 10 a.m. For transportation call 831-7657. There is an evening session for working ladies.

The Valentine theme was used during the meeting. The club's theme is education, welfare, social services and worship.

Granite City Unit of Madison County HEA meets

The Granite City Unit of Madison County HEA met at the Anchorage Recreational Center on Feb. 1.

The invocation was given by LaNell Lesseg. After this, a delicious luncheon was held, hosted by Vera Lynn, Betty Weston and Joyce Moran.

The pledge to the flag was made by all, and Betty Weston led the Homemakers' Aim.

Minutes of the previous October and January meetings were read and approved. Roll call was taken. There were 25 members in attendance.

"First Vice Barbara Rodgers thanked the hostesses and introduced Florence Stokes and Florence Hagnauer, who gave a very interesting lesson on "Living on a Reduced Income."

"Attendance prize was won by Anna Michaels.

President Mary Evalyne Yencho reported that a flower was sent to Irma Taylor. Motion made and passed that her name will be engraved on a silver tray.

Second Vice LaNell Lesseg announced that the Kickoff Luncheon would be Feb. 7. President Mary Evalyne introduced the new member Ann Allison.

Helen Harhany reported on crafts that the members will be making. Betty Goldschmidt reported that 31 teddy bears have been turned in.

Ann Miller read a report on family living issues.

It was announced that the Granite City Unit will be the hostesses of the District meeting on May 3. LaNell Lesseg and Sophia Thomas will be the hostesses. Everyone will meet at Hope Lutheran Church and then

go to Lady of the Snows.

President Mary Evalyne announced that the Nominating Committee will consist of Vera Lynn, Elizabeth Schmidt and Mary Thebeau.

The unit was to hold a Bake Sale at Harold Brown Recreational Center on Feb. 13. All members were asked to donate.

The hostesses for the March

meeting will be Ann Miller, Sophia Thomas and Barbara Rodgers.

The lesson "Activities and Services for Senior Citizens" will be given by Mary Thebeau and Martha McIlroy. There will also be a White Elephant Sale at this meeting.

The Homemakers' Creed was led by Betty Goldschmidt and the meeting was adjourned.



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'The Year of the Family' is theme of Holy Family PSA meeting

Holy Family School opened the first Parish/School Association meeting of the year with the theme, "The Year of the Family."

Throughout the evening's meeting, the importance of family and safety of our children was delivered to them in attendance. Following the opening of the meeting by Chairman Chris Miller, the Rev. William Fisherkeller shared the opening prayer and spoke on the importance of family and working together to help our children develop through education and spiritual life.

Following the Pastor's Report, Sister M. Angeline delivered the Principal's Report. Several events going on in the school were reported. A Bosnia relief package is being prepared by the students with school supplies being sent to the needy children. Winners of the Holy Family Geography Bee were: first place, Lynda Deloney, eighth grade; second place, Danny Dixon, seventh grade, and third place, Elizabeth Mushill, sixth grade. The school's book fair was delayed due to the closing of school because of the weather. Students are preparing for the

upcoming Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee to be held Feb. 19, and the Math Counts Competition to be held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Feb. 12. Students in grades 6 through 8 are also preparing for the Illinois Junior Academy Science Fair to be held in February. Winners from Holy Family Free Throw Contest, held Jan. 22, were Bobby Bosslet, Susan Baker and Ted Wallace.

Catholic Schools Week began Saturday, Jan. 28, with a family mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner. Sister Angeline announced the week's activities, which included a seventh versus eighth-grade volleyball game, Grandparents Day and open house, an ice-skating party, Student Appreciation Day, Color Day, and the Staff Luncheon sponsored by the PSA Executive Board.

The guest speaker for the evening was Detective Rosalie Huebner from the Madison County Sheriff's Department/Juvenile Division, who spoke on the importance of protecting our children and the steps to take in doing so. She stressed the key words of, "No, Go, Yes and

Tell" to those children present in protecting themselves from strangers.

Following a viewing of the movie, "A Stranger in Our Midst," Detective Huebner also told the children to pay attention to their surroundings, use the "Buddy System," and to scream loud and fight to get away from a stranger. Another important

thing for children to remember is to get a good look at strangers and to try to remember license plate numbers and/or the color of the plate.

Following the presentation, refreshments were served by the sixth grade parents. Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Diane McFain, and the door prize was awarded to Debbie Jordan.

Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma meets

The Dec. 4 meeting of the Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at the Quality Inn in Collinsville.

The program was under the direction of Valerie Stevens of Granite City.

A variety of musical selections to celebrate the season were presented by Christopher Stevens; Audrey Deeren and Sue Kustermann, accompanied by Dr. Charlotte Frisbee; Becky Sodom; Al Stevens, accompanied by Valerie Stevens, and assisted by Patricia Stevens; Pat Gregory; Kyle Bridges, accompanied by Linda Bridges; Linda Mizell and Ellen Voyles; Amerikach Kachigian, accompanied by Valerie Stevens; the king's daughters, Delores Boston, Betty Gay, Harriet O'Guin and Ines Gann; and a reading by Jeanette Dohager.

A brief business meeting was conducted by Connie Baten, president, and brunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Collinsville Memorial Public Library, 408 W. Main St.



Kimberlee Schinker

Lindsay Schinker

Local sisters win beauty titles

Kimberlee Schinker, 3, competed in the America's Most Beautiful Girls Pageant held Jan. 15 at the Granite City Township Hall.

In this, her first modeling competition, Kimberlee competed in the 2- to 3-year-old division. She won the Beauty category (stage presence, poise, and ability to model a formal/party dress).

She also was chosen Best Dressed. Kimberlee received a crown, sash, trophies and an invitation to the national pageant in Huntsville, Alabama, where two cars will be awarded.

On Feb. 6, Kimberlee competed in the Star America pageant held at the Holiday Inn in Alton. For winning the beauty category (modeling both formal and sportswear) in her age division, Kimberlee received a crown and trophy.

She also was named the Division Photogenic winner. She is now eligible to attend Star America's National Pageant in June.

Kimberlee's sister Lindsay, 9, competed in the Star America pageant held Jan. 29 in Effingham.

am. Lindsay won her age division's photogenic and beauty titles.

The beauty category consisted of modeling both formal attire and a dressy sportswear. Lindsay went on to capture the title of Overall Photogenic, Overall Best Fashion, and Overall Best Sportswear Model.

For receiving the most points in the entire pageant, Lindsay was named Supreme Beauty. Her prizes included crowns, banners, the Supreme Trophy, and an invitation to the national-level pageant, where she will compete in June.

Lindsay attends Wilson Elementary School and Musique de Flute in Edwardsville, where she is a student of Ms. Amanda Barnett. Both girls attend the Glitter Girls Studio in Granite City and are sponsored by John M. Sonshine Auto, and Ralston Auto of Granite City.

They are the daughters of Tim and Karen Schinker, and the granddaughters of Charles and Anna Scanlan, all of Granite City.

Military

Timothy Hopkins

Timothy A. Hopkins of Granite City has joined the Army Reserve and will serve in the 245th Maintenance Company, St. Louis, according to his recruiter, Sergeant First Class Theodore Brown of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Granite City.

Hopkins will serve one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year with the local unit, reporting for duty March 17.

He is married to Christine Hopkins of Granite City.

Miguel Delgado

Miguel Delgado of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army, according to his recruiter, Staff Sergeant Douglas Gentle of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Collinsville.

Delgado has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, Military Police.

Police. Delgado, who is a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Ala., reporting for duty March 24. He is the son of Alford and Sandra Delgado of Granite City.

Annie Watson

Annie D. Watson of Granite City has joined the Army Reserve and will serve in the 21st General Hospital, St. Louis, according to her recruiter, Sergeant First Class Theodore Brown of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station located in Granite City.

Watson, who will graduate from Granite City High School in June 1995, will serve one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year with the local unit, reporting for duty June 10.

She is the daughter of Patricia Terry of Granite City.

Son

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was never identified and was buried as a John Doe in an unmarked grave.

The identification was made through fingerprints and prints that had been available from the time the original report was filed. No one had ever checked them before.

"How could it happen? It was almost by accident that I finally found out," Michael Dixon said.

"With all the high-tech information systems with all the computers, why wasn't it discovered a long time ago? Isn't that what police computers are for?"

From the beginning, Dixon felt his son's disappearance might have an unhappy ending. But for six years, Michael Dixon Sr. never gave up trying to find out what happened to his son.

Dixon described his son as "a likable kid, tall and real popular with girls" who was polite and respectful with elders.

On the other hand, he said, the younger Dixon was a frequent truant "involved with every low-life in town" and was mixed up with drugs, "mostly marijuana."

When going to the police in 1988, the elder Dixon said, he got the impression the police weren't taking it too seriously.

"He was 16 years old. He was a juvenile delinquent. I really think they thought he'd just gone away for a while."

But Dixon couldn't believe his son had just run away—in fact, he had serious doubts that his son was still alive—because of a pair of boots.

"They were black boots, like engineer or hiker boots. I think they cost \$100 and he really loved them," Dixon said.

"They were his most prized possession and he didn't take them."

In 1990, two years after the younger Dixon disappeared, the elder Dixon made a plea for information in the *Press-Record/Journal*.

By then, he had chased rumors that the younger Dixon had been killed over a drug deal. He had gone to Chicago when some unidentified bodies were

found there. He had checked when a skeleton was found in Madison County.

Dixon had talked to all of his son's friends. He tracked down and talked to the crowd that the younger Dixon hung out with at the Low Water Diner on the Mississippi River north of Granite City.

But although Dixon offered a reward and anonymity to anyone who could tell him anything, no information came forward.

"Not knowing anything," that was "like an open wound," Dixon said.

"I (would) think I see him all the time. A lot of kids look like him from behind, so it's U-turn and yell out the window."

"If I've done it one time, I've done it a hundred."

Michael Dixon Sr. said last week he is glad the ordeal is finally over, but said his irritation with the lack of effort by law enforcement officials in the beginning hasn't diminished and may have even grown.

"I've gone through six years of pain and anguish when, with no more effort than it took this week, I could have known all along," Dixon said.

"You see hundreds of people beating the bushes and combing the woods for those little girls who disappeared in St. Louis."

"My son wasn't perfect, but my son meant as much to me as those little girls meant to their parents. I think we deserved the same kind of effort."

(An obituary is given elsewhere in this issue.)

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- March 22 - May 26 (Tues. & Thurs.) - 10-Week Program for Seniors: Chair Exercises/Light Aerobics, 9-10 a.m. Cost \$40.

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Seniors
Stanton — Sarah Cook.

Sophomores
Collinsville — Sarah Iehl and Heidi Parkinson.

Edwardsville — Carrie Deist and Kimberly Weise.

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Collinsville — Mercedes Mueller and Rachel Paueck.

Edwardsville — Jeffrey Alexander, Amanda Coffin, Katrina Knebel, Matthew McCormick, Matthew Schlechte and Jonathan Sprengel.

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Members of the Better Breathers Club at St. Elizabeth Medical Center present Timothy Carter, a Belleville Area College respiratory student, with the Michael Pryor Scholarship Award. From left, Ellen Knackstadt, Shirley Wendel, Carter, Ruth Smith and Susie Horton, president of the Better Breathers Club. The Pryor Scholarship Award is \$250. Plans are being made to raise additional money for the scholarship fund in hope it will become an annual award.

Respiratory therapists pass exam

The 1993 graduating class from the respiratory therapy program, co-sponsored by Belleville Area College and St. Elizabeth Medical Center, had a 100 percent pass rate on the National Board Examination to become certified respiratory therapy technicians.

This marks the second year program graduates have attained a 100 percent pass rate. The national average first-time pass rate is 70 to 75 percent. Will Mueller, director of the BAC respiratory therapy program, said, "This really represents the dedicated efforts of so many SEMC associates and physicians. It would not be possible without SEMC's administrative and technical support."

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Births

Alexander Bywater

Richard and Pamela Bywater of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Alexander Harrison was born at 8:03 a.m. Feb. 4, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

The mother is the former Pamela Jo Harrison.

Maternal grandparents are Charles R. Harrison of Granite City and the late Virginia C. Harrison.

Paternal grandparents are Richard F. and Jo Marie Bywater of Granite City.

Alexander joins Ashley, 10, and Andrew, 7.

Taylor Hammers

Kimberly Hammers of Granite City has announced the birth of her third child, a son.

Taylor Merik Lee was born at 7:07 p.m. Feb. 4, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and

weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are David and Janice Hammers of Granite City.

Taylor joins Heath, 4, and Zachary, 19 months.

Amber Mielke

Charles and Penny Jane Mielke of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Amber Kay was born at 8:19 p.m. Feb. 7, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

The mother is the former Penny Jane Heavilon.

Maternal grandparents are Steve Heavilon of Indiana and Debbie Kay Heavilon of Granite City.

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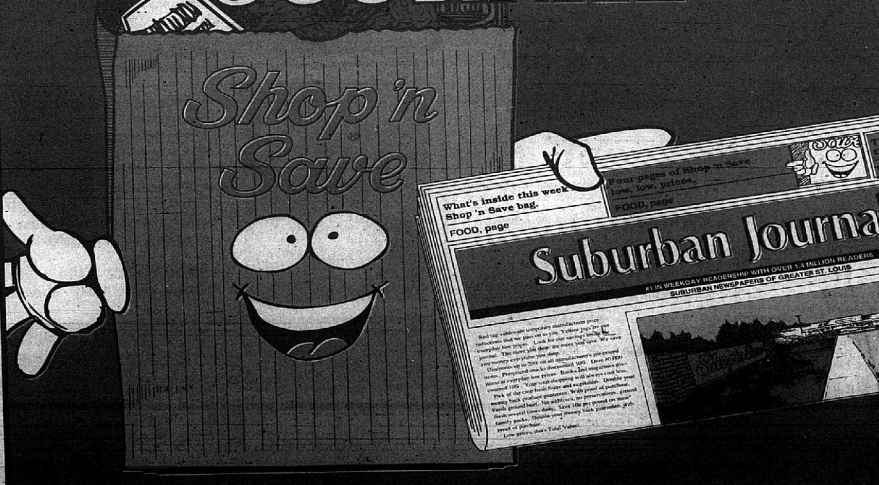
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Granite City Park District
and Mitchell Athletic
Club standings and
results. Page 2BWarriors outlast
West cagers 59-50By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors clinched second place in the Southwestern Conference and gained an edge heading into regional play this week with a 59-50 victory Friday night over Belleville West at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Warriors, who won for the sixth time in seven games, increased their winning streak to three games and finished the regular season 14-11 and 6-4 in conference play. Belleville West lost its fifth straight game and dropped to 11-15, 5-5.

The Warriors and Maroons will meet again Wednesday at Belleville West in the first round of the Collinsville Sectional. While the two teams appear to be headed in opposite directions, neither coach overplayed the importance of Friday night's outcome.

"There's a positive about this game, we get to play them again Wednesday," Schmidt said. "We'll have to see what happens then."

"I THINK We opened up their eyes," Granite City coach John Van Buskirk said. "But it's not going to be easy going over there. We made them mad tonight."

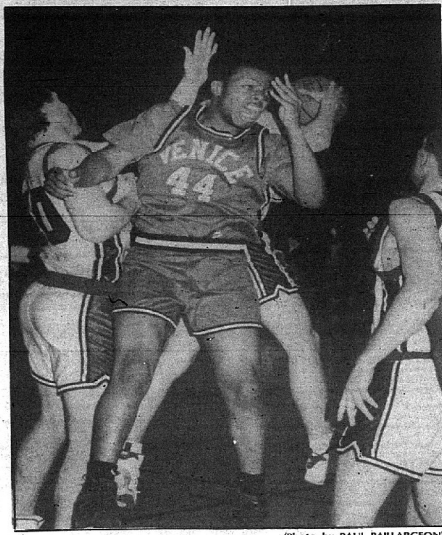
The Warriors came back from a 26-21 halftime deficit with a

GCHS 58, Belleville West 50									
	FG	3pt	FT	R	P	Reb	Ass	Stk	Pts
Belleville West									
Kevin Vineyard	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
John Brewer	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Mike Barron	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Mike Martin	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Zach Osborn	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Zach Osborn	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Zach Osborn	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Totals	14	0	10	6	6	6	6	0	40
Granite City									
Larren Mosby	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Jason Black	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Ramirez Wallace	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Chris Sullivan	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Rob Wallace	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Corey Watten	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Jake Zimmerman	10	2	4	4	2	4	2	0	24
Totals	60	10	20	20	10	20	10	0	100

20-10 run in the third quarter. Jason Black's three-pointer with 22 seconds left in the quarter put the Warriors ahead 39-36 and for good.

Black's trey came off a pass from teammate Larren Mosby, who led a fast break following a turnover by the Maroons. Another turnover by Belleville West led to a buzzer-beating jumper by Mosby and a 41-36 lead for the Warriors heading into the fourth quarter.

The series proved both disas-



Venice's Edwin Barbee had six points in Friday's season-ending loss to Althoff.

Crusaders crush Devils,
wrap up regional titleBy Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Revenge. That was the key word Friday night as the host Crusaders pounded Venice 89-59 in the championship game of the Althoff Class A basketball regional. Althoff, which lost to Venice in the regional semifinals last season, improved to 22-6. The Red Devils finish the season at 16-17.

"WE WERE TALKING revenge the whole time," said Crusaders senior Ryan Knox. "We started off on fire and we didn't let them get back in the game."

"We came out flat against Freeburg (in a 67-52 semifinal win on Wednesday), but we got by," said senior Curt Foppe, who scored a game-high 22 points. "But tonight it was revenge. We were playing in front of our home crowd, we were fired up and we owed them one."

Althoff advances to the Vandalia Sectional, where it will face Roxana (11-13) in a semifinal game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The regional title was especially sweet for tri-captains Foppe, Matt Fitzsimmons and Adrian Jacquot, who were sophomore starters two years ago on a team that won only four games. "This year's team is more disciplined," said Fitzsimmons, who scored 21 points. "We elimi-

Althoff 89, Venice 59									
	FG	3pt	FT	R	P	Reb	Ass	Stk	Pts
Althoff									
Kevin Roberts	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Brandon Burnett	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
James Ware	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Keith Kenney	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Willard Osborn	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Andrew Gage	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	2
Donald Harris	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	2
Totals	17	3	10	6	6	6	6	0	40
Venice									
Edwin Barbee	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Curt Foppe	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Matt Fitzsimmons	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Chris Sullivan	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Adrian Jacquot	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Mike Ray	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Steve Johnson	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Ryan Knox	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Don Chapman	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
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Tim Kays	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
James Stewart	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
Totals	28	0	10	10	10	10	10	0	58

nated a lot of the turnovers we had in the game. We just got out and play within ourselves."

ALTHOFF LED 25-4 after one quarter as Venice missed its first nine shots from the field. The Crusaders increased their lead to 33-23 at halftime.

"I don't know if it was revenge, but we definitely learned a tough lesson from last year," said Althoff coach Dave Simmons. "We eliminated a lot of the turnovers we had in the game. We just got out and play within ourselves."

Mosby makes
All-State teamBy Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Granite City's Larren Mosby has been called the best point guard in the area by several opposing coaches this season. This week, he was voted as one of the best point guards in Illinois.

Mosby, the Warriors' 5-9 standout, earned an honorable mention on the Associated Press Class AA All-State team. It is a fitting honor for a player who has excelled throughout his three-year career at GCHS.

"He deserves it," coach John Van Buskirk said. "That's nice that they honored him. I'm very happy for him."

Mosby, one of the area's best at penetrating to the basket, has averaged 18 points this season. He has become better with each game this season, a testament to his far-reaching potential at the beginning of the year.

"He wasn't this good at the beginning of the year," Van Buskirk said. "That's a lesson for hopefully all the kids in our program. If you work hard, good things are going to happen."

Mosby has been able to take over in stretches this season. He set a career high Feb. 5 with 33 points in an eye-popping performance against O'Fallon, one of the area's top teams.

"It's to the point where he can dominate the outcome of a game," Van Buskirk said. "That's saying a lot for a 5-9 guard. They're setting up special defenses to make sure they stop him. In a small way, that's an honor."

Learning from
a Champion
Minor-league instructor
molding White Sox prospectsBy Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Kirk Champion got a head start on his sixth year in professional baseball last week by delivering his traditional first pitch at a developmental clinic at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Champion, a minor-league pitching coach for Class AA Birmingham (Ala.), an affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, offered his expertise to almost 100 pitching hopefuls at SIUE. Champion has made a habit of working the clinic prior to leaving for spring training over the past five years.

The Granite City native leaves for sunny Sarasota, Fla., this week for spring training with the White Sox, an organization he has been with since 1989. By next month, baseball will be in full swing. Champion was already looking forward to it during his Feb. 19 visit at SIUE.

"YOU ALWAYS LOOK forward to it," said Champion, outfitted in a White Sox uniform inside SIUE's Vadalabene Center. "This kind of kicks off the baseball season for me. It helps me get going for spring training. It turned out real well."

Champion was to be joined at SIUE by his brother, Keith, a minor-league manager in the San Diego Padres system. But Keith, who usually works with the catchers in the clinic, had already left for spring training in Peoria, Ariz.

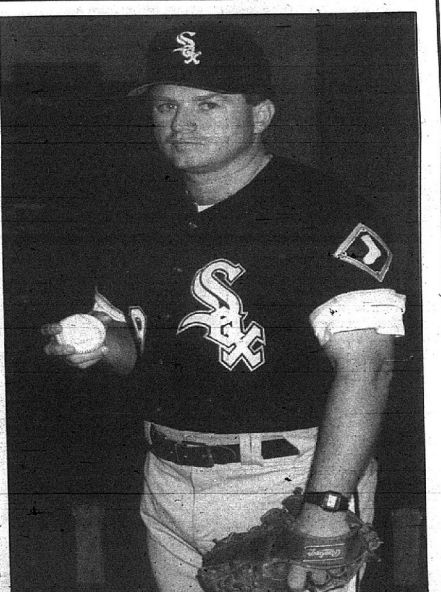
The SIUE camp attracted 48 pitchers and 28 catchers.

"I really admire Kirk and the way he goes about coaching," SIUE baseball coach Gary Collins said. "He does an outstanding job, he really does. I'm sure he gets as much out of his players as anybody. He enjoys it and he has a lot of experience."

Kirk and Keith Champion have made a career out of baseball. Both have enjoyed considerable success after graduating from Granite City South in the late 1970s.

KEITH CHAMPION currently serves as the manager of the Padres' Class AA Texas League affiliate in Wichita, Kan. He was a coach for the Class A Rancho Cucamonga Quakes last year and is entering his third year with the Padres and 14th overall in professional baseball.

Kirk, meanwhile, is climbing his way up through the White Sox organization. He has



Minor-league pitching coach Kirk Champion is set for his sixth year in the Chicago White Sox system.

Area cage teams gearing up for sectional

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

The "second season" has arrived for the area's large school boys basketball teams. The Collinsville Class AA Regional/Sectional Complex starts Tuesday with first-round games, and the 16-team field could be the most balanced in years.

"I'D BE VERY surprised if the top four seeds square off in the semifinals," Belleville West coach Bill Schmidt said. "Any team down to the ninth or 10th seed can beat any team in the sectional on a given night. And I don't think it would be an upset in the true sense of the word."

"There could be some strange things happening in this sectional," O'Fallon coach Don Tonjes said. "In recent years, I don't remember the area being this balanced, or there being this many teams who could possibly win it."

"Certain teams have had trouble against other teams, such as East St. Louis losing to Cahokia (on Feb. 19). Cahokia is the lowest seed, but it shows they're a very capable team."

First-round games include:
No. 13 Jerseyville at No. 4 O'Fallon, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.
No. 15 Belleville East at No. 2 East St. Louis Lincoln, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
No. 11 Granite City at No. 7 Belleville West, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

O'FALLON TOOK A 13-1 record into Friday's game at Highland, but that includes a victory and a one-point loss against Carbondale. Both teams are ranked in the top 10 in the state.

The only teams seeded ahead of the Panthers are No. 1 Collinsville, No. 2 East St. Louis Lincoln and No. 3 Civic Memorial. "Lincoln, Collinsville and CM have to be given a lot of respect," Tonjes said. "Collinsville is the hot team and CM is playing well. Despite the loss of (Tyronne) Caswell, I still like Lincoln's athletes the best."

CASWELL, A 6-foot-6 senior, transferred back to East St. Louis after spending the first semester at Lincoln. As a result of the legal battle surrounding Caswell's eligibility,

No. 8 seed East St. Louis had to forfeit 10 wins, while Lincoln had to forfeit two victories.

"Lincoln was helped by Caswell more than East Side has been, but he's the kind of player who can get hot and carry you," Tonjes said.

Belleville West, meanwhile, was 11-12 overall and 5-4 in the Southwestern Conference going into Friday's game at Granite City. On Jan. 25 at West, the Maroons beat the Warriors 55-44.

"THE (ILLINOIS High School Association) didn't do us any favor by matching us up with Granite City," Schmidt said. "It's tough to play somebody back-to-back. Plus, Granite City is playing very well and with a lot of confidence. (Larren) Mosby and (Jason) Black have taken their game up another notch."

In recent games, West's top seven has featured five seniors — 6-3 James Brewer, 6-3 Bill Stroel, 6-2 Mike Barron, 6-6 Nathan Vineyard and 6-2 Arlon Rahm — as well as 6-6 junior Zach Osborn and 5-10 sophomore Roy King. Mark Maxim, a 6-0 sophomore, was also a starter.

Collinsville Sectional											
March 1: (All Games 7:30 p.m.)											
Game 1:	(16) Cahokia	at	(1) Collinsville	Game 2:	(12) Wood River	at	(8) East St. Louis	Game 3:	(13) Jerseyville	at	(4) O'Fallon
Game 4:	(9) Taylorville	at	(5) Edwardsville	Game 5:	(15) Belleville East	at	(2) Lincoln	Game 6:	(11) Granite City	at	(7) Belleville West
March 2:											
Game 7:	(10) Jacksonville	at	(6) Alton	Game 8:	(14) Chatham Glenwood	at	(3) Belleville West	Game 9:	Game 1 winner	vs.	Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Game 10:	Game 3 winner	vs.	Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 11:	Game 5 winner	vs.	Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 12:	Game 7 winner	vs.	Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Game 13:	Game 9 winner	vs.	Game 10 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 14:	Game 11 winner	vs.	Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 15:	Game 13 winner	vs.	Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 3											
Game 1:	Game 9 winner	vs.	Game 10 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 11 winner	vs.	Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 13 winner	vs.	Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 4											
Game 1:	Game 11 winner	vs.	Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 13 winner	vs.	Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 15 winner	vs.	Game 16 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 5											
Game 1:	Game 15 winner	vs.	Game 16 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 17 winner	vs.	Game 18 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 19 winner	vs.	Game 20 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 6											
Game 1:	Game 19 winner	vs.	Game 20 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 21 winner	vs.	Game 22 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 23 winner	vs.	Game 24 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 7											
Game 1:	Game 23 winner	vs.	Game 24 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 25 winner	vs.	Game 26 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 27 winner	vs.	Game 28 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 8											
Game 1:	Game 27 winner	vs.	Game 28 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 29 winner	vs.	Game 30 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 31 winner	vs.	Game 32 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 9											
Game 1:	Game 31 winner	vs.	Game 32 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 33 winner	vs.	Game 34 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 35 winner	vs.	Game 36 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 10											
Game 1:	Game 35 winner	vs.	Game 36 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 37 winner	vs.	Game 38 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 39 winner	vs.	Game 40 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 11											
Game 1:	Game 39 winner	vs.	Game 40 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 41 winner	vs.	Game 42 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 43 winner	vs.	Game 44 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 12											
Game 1:	Game 43 winner	vs.	Game 44 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 45 winner	vs.	Game 46 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 47 winner	vs.	Game 48 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 13											
Game 1:	Game 47 winner	vs.	Game 48 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 49 winner	vs.	Game 50 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 51 winner	vs.	Game 52 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 14											
Game 1:	Game 51 winner	vs.	Game 52 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 53 winner	vs.	Game 54 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 55 winner	vs.	Game 56 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 15											
Game 1:	Game 55 winner	vs.	Game 56 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 57 winner	vs.	Game 58 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 59 winner	vs.	Game 60 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 16											
Game 1:	Game 59 winner	vs.	Game 60 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 61 winner	vs.	Game 62 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 63 winner	vs.	Game 64 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 17											
Game 1:	Game 63 winner	vs.	Game 64 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 65 winner	vs.	Game 66 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 67 winner	vs.	Game 68 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 18											
Game 1:	Game 67 winner	vs.	Game 68 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 69 winner	vs.	Game 70 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 71 winner	vs.	Game 72 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 19											
Game 1:	Game 71 winner	vs.	Game 72 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 73 winner	vs.	Game 74 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 75 winner	vs.	Game 76 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 20											
Game 1:	Game 75 winner	vs.	Game 76 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 77 winner	vs.	Game 78 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 79 winner	vs.	Game 80 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 21											
Game 1:	Game 79 winner	vs.	Game 80 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 81 winner	vs.	Game 82 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 83 winner	vs.	Game 84 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 22											
Game 1:	Game 83 winner	vs.	Game 84 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 85 winner	vs.	Game 86 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 87 winner	vs.	Game 88 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 23											
Game 1:	Game 87 winner	vs.	Game 88 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 89 winner	vs.	Game 90 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 91 winner	vs.	Game 92 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 24											
Game 1:	Game 91 winner	vs.	Game 92 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 93 winner	vs.	Game 94 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 95 winner	vs.	Game 96 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 25											
Game 1:	Game 95 winner	vs.	Game 96 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 97 winner	vs.	Game 98 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 99 winner	vs.	Game 100 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 26											
Game 1:	Game 99 winner	vs.	Game 100 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 101 winner	vs.	Game 102 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 103 winner	vs.	Game 104 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 27											
Game 1:	Game 103 winner	vs.	Game 104 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 105 winner	vs.	Game 106 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 107 winner	vs.	Game 108 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 28											
Game 1:	Game 107 winner	vs.	Game 108 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 109 winner	vs.	Game 110 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 111 winner	vs.	Game 112 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 29											
Game 1:	Game 111 winner	vs.	Game 112 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 113 winner	vs.	Game 114 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 115 winner	vs.	Game 116 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 30											
Game 1:	Game 115 winner	vs.	Game 116 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 117 winner	vs.	Game 118 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 119 winner	vs.	Game 120 winner, 7:30 p.m.
March 31											
Game 1:	Game 119 winner	vs.	Game 120 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 121 winner	vs.	Game 122 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 123 winner	vs.	Game 124 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 1											
Game 1:	Game 123 winner	vs.	Game 124 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 125 winner	vs.	Game 126 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 127 winner	vs.	Game 128 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 2											
Game 1:	Game 127 winner	vs.	Game 128 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 129 winner	vs.	Game 130 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 131 winner	vs.	Game 132 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 3											
Game 1:	Game 131 winner	vs.	Game 132 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 133 winner	vs.	Game 134 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 135 winner	vs.	Game 136 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 4											
Game 1:	Game 135 winner	vs.	Game 136 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 137 winner	vs.	Game 138 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 139 winner	vs.	Game 140 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 5											
Game 1:	Game 139 winner	vs.	Game 140 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 141 winner	vs.	Game 142 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 143 winner	vs.	Game 144 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 6											
Game 1:	Game 143 winner	vs.	Game 144 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 145 winner	vs.	Game 146 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 147 winner	vs.	Game 148 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 7											
Game 1:	Game 147 winner	vs.	Game 148 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 149 winner	vs.	Game 150 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 151 winner	vs.	Game 152 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 8											
Game 1:	Game 151 winner	vs.	Game 152 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 153 winner	vs.	Game 154 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 155 winner	vs.	Game 156 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 9											
Game 1:	Game 155 winner	vs.	Game 156 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 157 winner	vs.	Game 158 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 159 winner	vs.	Game 160 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 10											
Game 1:	Game 159 winner	vs.	Game 160 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 161 winner	vs.	Game 162 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 163 winner	vs.	Game 164 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 11											
Game 1:	Game 163 winner	vs.	Game 164 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 165 winner	vs.	Game 166 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 167 winner	vs.	Game 168 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 12											
Game 1:	Game 167 winner	vs.	Game 168 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 169 winner	vs.	Game 170 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 171 winner	vs.	Game 172 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 13											
Game 1:	Game 171 winner	vs.	Game 172 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 173 winner	vs.	Game 174 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 175 winner	vs.	Game 176 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 14											
Game 1:	Game 175 winner	vs.	Game 176 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 177 winner	vs.	Game 178 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 179 winner	vs.	Game 180 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 15											
Game 1:	Game 179 winner	vs.	Game 180 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 181 winner	vs.	Game 182 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 183 winner	vs.	Game 184 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 16											
Game 1:	Game 183 winner	vs.	Game 184 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 185 winner	vs.	Game 186 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 187 winner	vs.	Game 188 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 17											
Game 1:	Game 187 winner	vs.	Game 188 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 189 winner	vs.	Game 190 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 191 winner	vs.	Game 192 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 18											
Game 1:	Game 191 winner	vs.	Game 192 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 193 winner	vs.	Game 194 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 195 winner	vs.	Game 196 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 19											
Game 1:	Game 195 winner	vs.	Game 196 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 197 winner	vs.	Game 198 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 199 winner	vs.	Game 200 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 20											
Game 1:	Game 199 winner	vs.	Game 200 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 201 winner	vs.	Game 202 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 203 winner	vs.	Game 204 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 21											
Game 1:	Game 203 winner	vs.	Game 204 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 205 winner	vs.	Game 206 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 207 winner	vs.	Game 208 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 22											
Game 1:	Game 207 winner	vs.	Game 208 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 209 winner	vs.	Game 210 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 211 winner	vs.	Game 212 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 23											
Game 1:	Game 211 winner	vs.	Game 212 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 213 winner	vs.	Game 214 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 215 winner	vs.	Game 216 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 24											
Game 1:	Game 215 winner	vs.	Game 216 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 217 winner	vs.	Game 218 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 219 winner	vs.	Game 220 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 25											
Game 1:	Game 219 winner	vs.	Game 220 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 221 winner	vs.	Game 222 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 223 winner	vs.	Game 224 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 26											
Game 1:	Game 223 winner	vs.	Game 224 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 225 winner	vs.	Game 226 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 227 winner	vs.	Game 228 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 27											
Game 1:	Game 227 winner	vs.	Game 228 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 229 winner	vs.	Game 230 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 231 winner	vs.	Game 232 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 28											
Game 1:	Game 231 winner	vs.	Game 232 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 233 winner	vs.	Game 234 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 235 winner	vs.	Game 236 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 29											
Game 1:	Game 235 winner	vs.	Game 236 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 237 winner	vs.	Game 238 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 239 winner	vs.	Game 240 winner, 7:30 p.m.
April 30											
Game 1:	Game 239 winner	vs.	Game 240 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 241 winner	vs.	Game 242 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 243 winner	vs.	Game 244 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 1											
Game 1:	Game 243 winner	vs.	Game 244 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 245 winner	vs.	Game 246 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 247 winner	vs.	Game 248 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 2											
Game 1:	Game 247 winner	vs.	Game 248 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 249 winner	vs.	Game 250 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 251 winner	vs.	Game 252 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 3											
Game 1:	Game 251 winner	vs.	Game 252 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 253 winner	vs.	Game 254 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 255 winner	vs.	Game 256 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 4											
Game 1:	Game 255 winner	vs.	Game 256 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 257 winner	vs.	Game 258 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 259 winner	vs.	Game 260 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 5											
Game 1:	Game 259 winner	vs.	Game 260 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 261 winner	vs.	Game 262 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 263 winner	vs.	Game 264 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 6											
Game 1:	Game 263 winner	vs.	Game 264 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 265 winner	vs.	Game 266 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 267 winner	vs.	Game 268 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 7											
Game 1:	Game 267 winner	vs.	Game 268 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 269 winner	vs.	Game 270 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 271 winner	vs.	Game 272 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 8											
Game 1:	Game 271 winner	vs.	Game 272 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 273 winner	vs.	Game 274 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 275 winner	vs.	Game 276 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 9											
Game 1:	Game 275 winner	vs.	Game 276 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 277 winner	vs.	Game 278 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 279 winner	vs.	Game 280 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 10											
Game 1:	Game 279 winner	vs.	Game 280 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 281 winner	vs.	Game 282 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 283 winner	vs.	Game 284 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 11											
Game 1:	Game 283 winner	vs.	Game 284 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 285 winner	vs.	Game 286 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 287 winner	vs.	Game 288 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 12											
Game 1:	Game 287 winner	vs.	Game 288 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 289 winner	vs.	Game 290 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 291 winner	vs.	Game 292 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 13											
Game 1:	Game 291 winner	vs.	Game 292 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 293 winner	vs.	Game 294 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 295 winner	vs.	Game 296 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 14											
Game 1:	Game 295 winner	vs.	Game 296 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 297 winner	vs.	Game 298 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 299 winner	vs.	Game 300 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 15											
Game 1:	Game 299 winner	vs.	Game 300 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 301 winner	vs.	Game 302 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 303 winner	vs.	Game 304 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 16											
Game 1:	Game 303 winner	vs.	Game 304 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 305 winner	vs.	Game 306 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 307 winner	vs.	Game 308 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 17											
Game 1:	Game 307 winner	vs.	Game 308 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 309 winner	vs.	Game 310 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 311 winner	vs.	Game 312 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 18											
Game 1:	Game 311 winner	vs.	Game 312 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 313 winner	vs.	Game 314 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 315 winner	vs.	Game 316 winner, 7:30 p.m.
May 19											
Game 1:	Game 315 winner	vs.	Game 316 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 2:	Game 317 winner	vs.	Game 318 winner, 7:30 p.m.	Game 3:	Game 319		

Dupo called timeout and set up a full-court inbound play. But Schooner Fitzgerald's long pass was deflected before Gracie grabbed the loose ball and led off from halfcourt. The senior's desperation heave was off to the left, and the Tigers' season came to a close.

Venice (10-16) moved on to play top-seeded Althoff on Friday night. The Tigers finished with a 32-33 record.

The Red Devils beat Dupo on the boards all night as they posted their second win in three tries against the Tigers. Dupo coach Jim Thompson gave Ware his due.

"Ware did it to us at the Columbia Tournament (a 68-63 overtime loss) and he did it again tonight," Thompson said of Ware, who scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in a tremendous effort. You can't take anything away from Venice.

THE TIGERS ALMOST took the game away from Venice (See DEVILS, Page 4B)

Venice 55, Dupo 53									
	FG	3pt	FT	R	P	Reb	Ass	Stk	Pts
Dupo									
Kenny Gracie	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	9
Anthony Barker	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	9
Jason Garrett	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
Jon Pender	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
Tommy Fitzgerald	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
Totals	14	0	5	5	5	5	5	0	34
Venice									
Travis Dawson	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Edwin Barbee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Brandon Burnett	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Edwin Barbee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Edwin Barbee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Edwin Barbee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Totals	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56

Backseeds — Venice 43 (Ware 17, Barrett 7, Burnett 7, Marney 4, Gracie 4, Dawson 4, Range 4, Hancock 2, Fitzgerald 2, Garrett 2).

Scoreboard

Granite City Park District

Basketball (Feb. 14)	
Jacobsmeyers	10-0
Cat Daddies	9-2
A.S.J. Custom Printing	6-4
Rebels	6-4
Purpleines	5-2
Albrecht-Hamlin Chev.	3-6
Curquest	2-9
The Program	0-11
Scores	
Jacobsmeyers 130, The Program 86	
Rebels 2, Albrecht-Hamlin Chev. 0	
Cat Daddies 2, Curquest 0	
A.S.J. Custom Printing 65, Purpleines 63	
Thursday	
Electric Mud Puppers	9-1
Kramden's II	9-2
Kramden's I	6-3
Face Hardware	6-3
Hoopsters	4-5
Evenson Chiropractic	3-4
Patterson Tire	2-7
Shirts-N-Stuff	0-6
Scores	
Face Hardware 61, Kramden's I 52	
Hoopsters 61, Evenson Chiropractic 50	
Kramden's II 60, Shirts-N-Stuff 38	
Thursday-Red	
Jacobsmeyers	6-2
Burns Liquor	3-2
Gunnery	3-2
Hooters	0-6

Scores	
Burns Liquor 67, Hooters Meat 52	
Gunnery 60, Hooters 50	
Thursday-Blue	
Rudy's Raiders	8-1
Bindy's	5-2
Blis-N-Pieces	1-6
Hollen Meat	1-7
Scores	
Comfort Court Jesters 67, Jacobsmeyers 56	
Bindy's 69, Rudy's Raiders 52	
Electric Mud Puppers 103, Patterson Tire 72	
Volleyball	
Red	
G.C. Subway	34-5
Medicine Shoppe	21-18
Kramden's	17-22
Sandy's Wallpaper	11-28
Scores	
E.P.A.I. 16, G.C. Subway 13	
G.C. Subway 15, E.P.A.I. 1	
J&J Liquor 15, Sandy's Wallpaper 9	
J&J Liquor 16, J&J Liquor 14	
Playoffs	
G.C. Subway 15, Sandy's Wallpaper 8	
G.C. Subway 15, Kramden's 12	
Medicine Shoppe 19, Kramden's 12	
Kramden's 15, Medicine Shoppe 8	
G.C. Subway 15, Medicine Shoppe 8	
G.C. Subway 15, Medicine Shoppe 6	

Medicine Shoppe 15, G.C. Subway 9	
*Playoff champion	
Blue	
Ernie & Annie's	29-10
1/3 Liquor	21-18
E.P.A.I.	14-22
Six Pack	6-30
Scores	
Medicine Shoppe 15, Six Pack 3	
Medicine Shoppe 15, Six Pack 9	
Kramden's 15, Ernie & Annie's 6	
Kramden's 16, Ernie & Annie's 14	
Ernie & Annie's 15, Kramden's 7	
Broomball	
Man's (Final)	
Smashing Pumpkins	10-1 1/2
Hook's	9-3
Bindy's	7-9
Blis-N-Pieces	6-10 1/2
Im's Pizza	2-10 1/2
Jacobsmeyers	1-11 1/2
Scores	
Smashing Pumpkins 8, B&B 0	
Hook's 7, Bindy's 1	
Coed	
Jacobsmeyers	10-1
Maryland Meats Inc.	8-2
Kramden's	6-5
Bindy's	3-8
Besserman's Black Sheep	0-12
Scores	
Jacobsmeyers 9, Kramden's 3	
Bindy's 15, Besserman's Black Sheep 3	

Girls basketball

CLASS AA GIRLS	
Edwardsville Sectional	
First round	
Game 1: Jerseyville 65, Jacksonville 24	
Game 2: Belleville East 72, East St. Louis 43	
Game 3: O'Fallon 61, Wood River 36	
Game 4: Collinsville 51, Civic Memorial 43	
Feb. 15	
Game 5: East St. Louis Lincoln 80, Alton 46	
Game 6: Belleville East 72, Cahokia 20	
Game 7: Edwardsville 65, Granite City 63	
(OT)	
Regional finals	
Feb. 17	
Game 9: Jerseyville 50, Belleville West 39	
Game 10: Collinsville 56, O'Fallon 53	
Game 11: East St. Louis Lincoln 58, Chat. Glenwood 25	
Game 12: Belleville East 62, Edwardsville 39	
At Edwardsville	
Sectional semifinals	

Feb. 21	
Game 13: Jerseyville 49, Collinsville 32	
Game 14: Belleville East 64, East St. Louis Lincoln 61	
Sectional championship	
Feb. 24	
Game 15: Jerseyville 57, Belleville East 54	
Salem Sectional	
First round	
Game 1: Carbondale 42, Marion 33	
Game 2: Paris 86, Salem 51	
Game 3: Highland 52, Triad 46	
Game 4: Charleston 64, Elkhart 47	
Feb. 15	
Game 5: Mount Vernon 82, Mascoutah 62	
Game 6: Mount Carmel 63, Murphysboro 59	
Sectional semifinals	
Feb. 21	
Game 11: Centralia 71, Paris 51	
Game 12: Mount Vernon 61, Mattoon 34	
Sectional championship	
Feb. 24	
Centralia 66, Mount Vernon 48	
Centralia Super-Sectional	

Feb. 28	
Centralia (28-0) vs. Jerseyville (27-2), 7:30 p.m.	
State tournament	
Friday, March 4	
At Redbird Arena	
Normal	
Game 1: Centralia Super-Sectional winner vs. Sterling Super-Sectional winner, 9 a.m.	
Game 2: Bartonville (Limestone) Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 10:30 a.m.	
Game 3: Bensenville (Fenton) Super-Sectional winner vs. Villa Park (Willowbrook) Super-Sectional winner, 1:30 p.m.	
Game 4: Skokie (Niles West) Super-Sectional winner vs. Oakland Park (Sandburg) Super-Sectional winner, 3 p.m.	
Saturday, March 5	
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m.	
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 10:30 a.m.	
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:30 p.m.	
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.	

Terry Eddleman Memorial Billiard League

Men's winter standings after 22 weeks	
A Division	
Lenny's	2490
Mac's Bar	2474
Gabby's #201, Pat's 106	2448
Gabby's #1	2443
Side Pocket #1	2437
Side Pocket #2	2377
Sammy's	2258
Bobby Sox	2215
Scores	
Gabby's #2 111, Mac's Bar 85	
Bobby Sox 115, Lenny's 108	
Side Pocket #2 108, Gabby's #1 104	
Runs From Break	
Tumlie Perkins/Side Pocket #1	
Doug Patrick/Side Pocket #1	
Mark Carper/Gabby's #2	
Terry Talley/Gabby's #2	
Bubba Litsken/Lenny's	
B Division	
Dover Inn	2460
McMurphy's	2454
Al's 520	2432
El Gato	2413
Serrano	2409
Inn Between	2383
Minnies	2381
Scatman's	2285
Scores	
Al's 520 122, Dover Inn 88	
El Gato 123, Minnies 99	
Serrano 108, Scatman's 103	
Runs From Break	
Frank Scatman/Scatman's (Twice)	
Chris Evers/Serrano	
C Division	
Sammy's #2	2488
Wayside	2483
Mac's Bar	2479
Besserman's	2471
Scatman's	2453
Scores	
Mac's Bar 116, Steel Inn 103	
Sammy's #2 113, Sammy's #2 109	
Besserman's 115, Wayside 97	
Runs From Break	
Tony Elliot/Side Pocket #1	
Ryan Chalmers/The V Lounge	
Bryon Cook/Besserman's	
D Division	
Inn Between	2529
Wayside	2527
Serrano	2501
Al's 520	2474
Top of Landing	2458
The V Lounge	2441
T.J.'s Bar	2428
Ken's Lounge	2401
Eddie's Lounge	2374
Scores	
Inn Between 115, Steel Inn 103	
Wayside 115, Wayside 107	
Mac's Bar 116, Steel Inn 103	
Besserman's 115, Wayside 97	
Runs From Break	
Tony Elliot/Side Pocket #1	
Ryan Chalmers/The V Lounge	
Bryon Cook/Besserman's	
E Division	
Village Inn	2532
McMurphy's	2517
Ken's Lounge	2508
Top of Landing	2502
Killion's 1 Inn	2496
Gabby's	2489
Wayside	2484
Wildside	2474
Besserman's	2467
Buzz's	2359
Scores	
Village Inn 113, Top 101	
Gabby's 107, Don & Brenda's 98	
McMurphy's 113, Big Ed's-Vic 108	

Wildside 109, Besserman's 88	
Besserman's 1	2351
Besserman's 2	2341
Big Ed's-Vic	2339
Scores	
Top of Landing 118, Besserman's #1 108	
Minnies 115, Besserman's 104	
Big Ed's-Vic 120, Gabby's 111	
H Division	
Xtra Innings	2537
Al's 520	2501
McMurphy's 100, Serrano 92	2499
Ken's Lounge	2499
Ken's Lounge	2499
Eddie's Lounge	2440
Fourth St.	2433
Lame Duck	2384
Scatman's	2362
Buzz's	2351
Dover Inn	2298
Straight Home	2279
Scores	
Dover Inn 107, Lame Duck 102	
Dover Inn 107, Lame Duck 102	
Fourth St. 107, Roland's 2nd St. 105	
Mac's 12th St. 109, Ken's Lounge 97	
Xtra Innings 121, McMurphy's 93	
Women's League	
A Division	
Scatman's	2485
Side Pocket	2456
Wayside	2406
El Gato	2401
Fourth St.	2327
El Gato	2312
Jim & Lu's	2240
Buzz's #1	2234
Fourth St. 126, Side Pocket 101	
T.J.'s Bar 111, Eagles 101	
Wayside 109, Scatman's 107	
B Division	
Big Ed's-Vic	2438
Eddie's Lounge	2423
Steel Inn	2398
Minnies	2361
Inn Between	2351
Mac's 12th St.	2298
Fourth St.	2273
Sports Tap	2177
Scores	
Minnies 100, Sports Tap 97	
T.J.'s Bar	2517
Al's 520	2508
Top of Landing	2502
Killion's 1 Inn	2496
Gabby's	2489
Wayside	2484
Wildside	2474
Besserman's	2467
Buzz's	2359
Scores	
Village Inn 113, Top 101	
Gabby's 107, Don & Brenda's 98	
McMurphy's 113, Big Ed's-Vic 108	

Tonya Biggs protects the ball against defenders Tanya Johnson and Sarah Movria in a Mitchell Athletic Association game.

Basketball

Mitchell Athletic Club	
Boys standings	
Third-Fourth grade	
Soucs	4-0
Raiders	3-1
Hurricanes	1-3
Rookies	0-4
Fifth-Sixth grade	
Slam	4-1
Spurs	4-1
Tor Heels	3-2
Blue Devils	3-2
Bulls	1-4
Celtics	0-5
Girls	
Third-Fourth grade	
Shaq Attaq	5-1
Hot Shot	4-1
Pink Panthers	3-4
Slammers	1-5
Scores	
Hot Shot 34, Shaq Attaq 12	
Pink Panthers 14, Slammers 4	
Fifth-Sixth grade	
Purple Puppers	4-0
Panthers	3-1
Access	3-3
Hornets	0-4
Scores	
Purple Puppers 17, Aces 2	
Panthers 6, Hornets 4	

Granite Bowl

Tuesday Afterschool League	
Bantams (Jan. 1)	
Boys high game	
David Huniak	80
Kenny Gaum	77
Boys high series	
Jared Warren	302
Steven Graste	228
Girls high game	
Rebecca Ambuehl	69
Girls high series	
Vanessa Ross	83
Diane Fleming	185
Juniors	
Boys high game	
Matt Whitehead	196
Dwayne Slayton	183
Joshua Anderson	126
John Dinitroff	126
Evan Thomas	123
Boys high series	
Nick Huniak	478
Mark Thomas	469
Gary Brooks Jr.	384
Scott Fortune	364
Jason Graste	309
Girls high game	
Robin Hartman	123
Robin Barnes	123
Jessica Huniak	80
Girls high series	
Jaime Morse	436
Stephanie Ambuehl	306
Jennifer Ambuehl	306
Thursday Youth Adult (Jan. 13)	
Boys high game	
Daniel Meade	119
Boys high series	
Timmy Frost	424
Forrest Garrett	306
Girls high game	
Fawn Garrett	87
Girls high series	
Danielle Woolvort	228
Tori Wonders	217
Boys high game	
Shaun Thomas	187
Robert Hollandsworth	187
Ricky Thomas	166
Nick Thomas	160
Chris Simpson	159
Boys high series	
Jason West	558
Joe Byrd	562
Matt Miller	907

Mark Thomas	
471	
Matt Whitehead	
437	
Girls high game	
Katie Viellu	103
Girls high series	
Anna Moore	383
Chayenne Blocklin	363
Missina	251
Saturday Bantams (Jan. 15)	
Boys high game	
Ricky Van Sooyk	157
Robert McKenzie	87
Forrest Garrett	43
Boys high series	
Timmy Frost	432
William Cummings	243
Brett Huelsman	151
Girls high game	
Faneisha Powell	110
Girls high series	
Leighann Moore	332
Indea Williams	272
Saturday Preps	
Boys high game	
James Gardner III	188
Travis Papp	149
Shannon Blocklin	149
Ollie Walker IV	118
Franklin Powell	102
Boys high series	
Aaron Strauther	476
Maurice Whitehead	419
Shannon Blocklin	383
J.R. Hard	359
Jason Dussay	281
Girls high game	
Tara Reynolds	134
Haroldyn Harper	111
Kristen Ruppers	102
Girls high series	
Ashley Reynolds	340
Brandi Huelsman	357
Saturday Juniors	
Boys high game	

•Champion

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worked closely with several pitchers who are now in the major leagues and helped lead Birmingham to the Southern League title last year.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Kirk Champion, 36. "I enjoy working in baseball. It's just a great business."

Kirk Champion's title to pro baseball began at SIU-Carbondale, where he pitched and later coached under Tichy Jones. In between, Champion served as an assistant coach at Southwest Missouri State and then took over as the head coach at Rend Lake College.

In 1986, Champion became Jones' assistant at SIU. Three years later, he was hired by the White Sox on the recommendation of current bullpen coach Dewey Robinson. Champion was assigned to Class A South Bend (Ind.), a member of the Midwest League, as a pitching coach.

He coached for three years at South Bend and then one year at Class A Sarasota. Now in his second year with Birmingham, Champion has watched several of his prospects work their way up to the White Sox—including Scott Radinsky, Jason Bere and Wilson Alvarez.

"The White Sox have been a solid organization for developing young players," Champion said. "(Birmingham) has been a level where the players are knocking on the door of the big leagues."

"The people have been good to me. No one coach makes these guys."

Still, at least four pitchers

Champion has worked with have made it to The Show. One of his students was star reliever Bobby Thigpen.

Bere joined the White Sox last year and enjoyed an outstanding first season. He and Alvarez helped lead Chicago to the American League Western Division title and then turned in solid efforts in the playoffs against Toronto.

"I spent a lot of time with Jason," Champion said. "I was with him at every level. He really made a nice run at the end of the year. He really has a chance to be a special kid."

"You see guys who are real close to making a club. The longer you're in the game, the more you see those things. I have to be the first to admit that the first time I went to spring training, it was exciting."

Baseball has become a way of life for Champion, whose father, Babe, coached for several major league teams.

Both Kirk and Babe would spend the better part of the year on the diamond.

When his two sons were younger, Babe Champion was a coach. He coached American Legion ball in Granite City and also coached at Granite City South. He never imagined both would eventually be working their way up in the minor leagues.

"I think everybody dreams of

it," he said. "They had the opportunity to go to college, and they had some success. Now they're paying their dues. I'm just a dad watching. I'm proud of them both."

"The other day, we were talking about Scott Radinsky (who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease). That's a terrible situation. He's one of the first kids who was a project for (Kirk)."

"You have to be lucky to be able to work with those types of people. You've got to have the horses and you have to know what to do with them."

Two of Kirk's most recent pupils have been Scott Ruffcorn and James Baldwin. He said one of them will likely earn the fifth spot on Chicago's starting rotation this year.

Kirk has been around countless major-league prospects. He even coached winter ball in Venezuela, where he watched several stars in the making—Mark Whiten, Andres Galarraga and Eric Karros.

Champion coached in Venezuela in 1990, '92 and '93.

"It was an amazing experience," Champion said.

Kirk and Keith work at a non-stop pace in the summer, but they rarely cross paths. Kirk is in the Southern League and Keith is in the Texas League.

"Keith loves baseball, and so do I," Kirk said. "I don't really get a chance to see him. But we stay in touch. We compare stories when we hear a good one."

One of Champion's favorite memories is from last year, when Birmingham won the

Southern League title by defeating Knoxville, a Toronto affiliate.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Champion said. "It's just a remarkable feeling to win something with guys you're around every day."

Champion will be reunited with the Birmingham players and coaches in Sarasota this week. Most likely, he will run into retired NEA superstar Michael Jordan, who is attempting a tryout with the White Sox.

Last year, Champion was in camp when Bo Jackson made a celebrated return from hip replacement surgery.

"I'm looking forward to meeting (Jordan)," Champion said. "It'll be kind of like when Bo came."

Champion also looks forward to helping Birmingham defend its Southern League title. He enjoys working in the minor leagues and contributing to the parent club's success. During the offseason, he resides in Fairview Heights with his wife, Jodi.

While Champion has enjoyed a steady climb in baseball, he

keeps any chances of coaching in the majors in the back of his mind.

"I would love to be in the majors," Champion said. "It

would be great to get that opportunity, but I'm not as obsessed with it as some guys are."

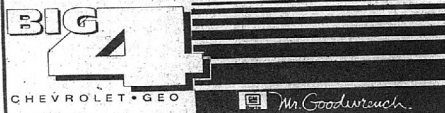
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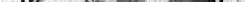
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